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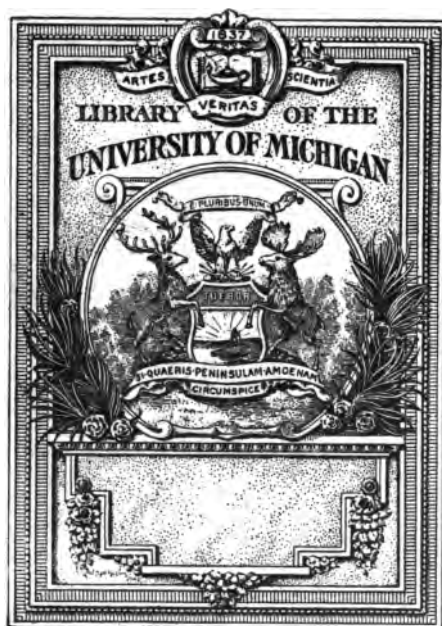
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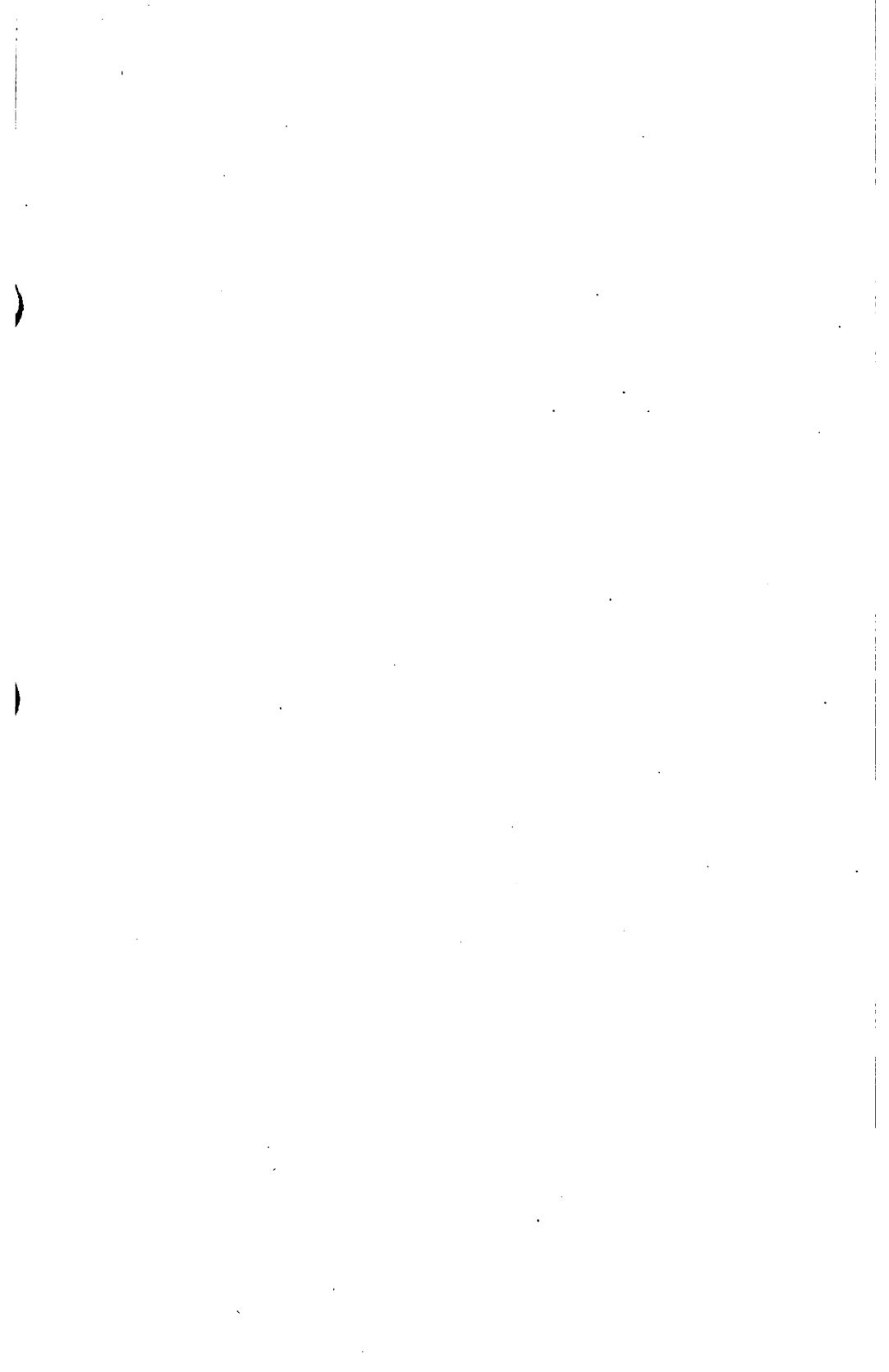
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PUBLIC DOCUMENTS
OF THE
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

VOL. IV—PART I

1906

Printed by Order of the General Assembly

HARTFORD
1907

NOTE.

Commencing with the documents for the year 1900, a Document Number was assigned to each State departmental report.

This number was determined by the chronological order of the first printed independent issue of such report and will in future be retained by it, thus showing the relative chronological place it occupies in the printed reports of the State.

A list of these reports, with the date of first printed issue and the document number of each, appears on the following page.

Thomas D. Bradstreet.

Comptroller.

JUNE 1, 1907.

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF FIRST PRINTED REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

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23.	Bureau of Labor Statistics,	1874
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26.	Statement of Vote for State Officers,	1880
27.	Criminal Business of Courts,	1880
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29.	Connecticut (formerly Storrs) Agricultural College,	1882
30.	Shell-Fish Commissioners,	1882
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32.	Dairy Commissioner,	1887
33.	Factory Inspector,	1887
34.	Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station,	1889
35.	Board of Education of the Blind,	1895
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37.	Building and Loan Commissioner,	1898
38.	Commissioner on Domestic Animals,	1898
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44.	Connecticut Prison Association <i>de</i> Probation Law,	1903
45.	State Police Department,	1903
46.	Mediation and Arbitration,	1901
47.	Geological and Natural History Survey,	1903
48.	Tax Commissioner,	1903
49.	Soldiers' Hospital Board,	1905
50.	Board of Control,	1906
51.	Norwich Hospital for the Insane,	1906

LIBRARY NOTE.

In order that each department report of the State of Connecticut for a series of years may be quickly located in the bound volumes of Public Documents, the Comptroller has also given each report a Binding Number by which its position in the bound volumes is permanently established, thus enabling each report to be found in the same position and volume from year to year.

That these several reports may be placed in the libraries of our several exchanges as soon as convenient after publication, he has provided that the State Librarian shall be supplied with two hundred sets bound in volumes of convenient size, each volume to be bound and labeled in harmony with the regular set and sent out as soon as possible after the printing of the reports belonging therein. This arrangement began with the reports for 1902.

Geo. S. Godard.

State Librarian.

*Connecticut State Library,
June 17, 1907.*

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Public Document No. 8, Report of State Board of Education and Public Library Committee, for years ending July, 1906, 1907, and 1908, published in one volume under latter date.

State of Connecticut
PUBLIC DOCUMENT No. 35.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Board of Education of the Blind

TO

THE GOVERNOR

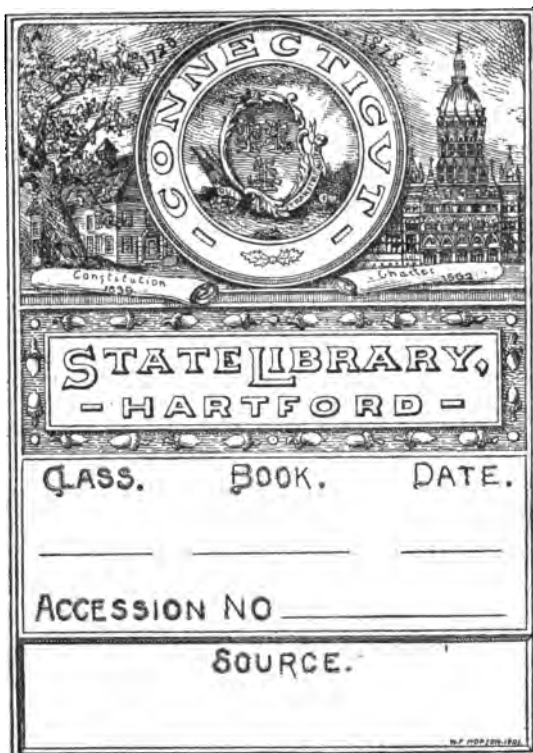
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CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

HARTFORD, December 27, 1906.

To His Excellency

HENRY ROBERTS

Governor

Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith my report as State Librarian of Connecticut for the two fiscal years ended September 30, 1906. As heretofore, I have endeavored to have this report of such a character as to serve as an official report to the state upon the life and progress of the Connecticut State Library, and at the same time to be an item of some interest to the citizens of the state.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. S. Godard

State Librarian.

INTRODUCTION



TWO years have passed since my last report was made. It is a pleasure to again be able to report continued progress in the several departments of the Connecticut State Library.

The several branches of work undertaken six years ago are being continued along standard lines as rapidly as possible with the assistance at my disposal. Although much has been accomplished, there remains a great deal more to be done; and while the work has been hastened it has not been hurried. As heretofore, thoughtfulness, thoroughness, correctness, and neatness have not been sacrificed for speed.

The Connecticut State Library is more and more being recognized by the several departments in the Capitol and by the people throughout the state as a library having a practical value for them and an institution in which they have a personal interest and to which they have a personal welcome. This is evidenced by the increasing number of readers, our numerous gifts, and the large number of visitors.

USE OF LIBRARY

That the State Library is appreciated by the people of Connecticut and sister states is easily seen from the number who consult its volumes and manuscripts. Every day may be seen at our tables the attorney who is no longer the "man of one book." Practically all of the printed opinions of the English speaking higher courts of the world are here at his disposal and he uses them. Here also is found the college student and pupils of the city schools gathering data needed for theses and debates; the town official seeking to get more light on the

location of town lines and the layout of early highways and turnpikes in his section, and the national and local historian and genealogist, eager to gather and make available reliable information along their lines oftentimes to be found only in the official papers in our custody.

Several departments in the Capitol and commissions also have found that the State Library is a library for their service and use it. Accordingly the Railroad Commissioners have recently transferred to the State Library their set of railroad law reports, where the same are here supplemented and made accessible to the public also.

Probably at no time in its history has the State Library had so many interested in its welfare, and endeavoring to add to its usefulness by sending to it, as opportunity offers, books, pamphlets, and manuscripts relating either to the state as a whole or to their particular town and section.

GIFTS.

I regret that the limit placed upon our reports precludes publishing a list of the large number of friends within and without the state who have remembered our State Library during the past two years. There is hardly a town in the state which would not be represented. I cannot refrain, however, from mentioning our "Platt Collection," presented by Mrs. O. H. Platt. These volumes were the Senator's working library along his special lines. Many of them are special collections made by himself. All are substantially bound.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

Among the gifts which have been made to the library are miscellaneous collections of manuscripts, rolls, lists, and pamphlets. In assembling and indexing these it has seemed very desirable and just that those which have been rescued and protected by a Smith family, for instance, and have been presented to the state by them, should be labeled and known as the "Smith Collection," and be so cited. These several collections are being thus arranged.

ATTENDANCE

The following is an approximate summary, of those who have consulted the library and of the books loaned from the library for use in the several departments in the Capitol.

It should be remembered that very few, if any, come to the State Library to consult books for mere recreation. They come with the purpose either to verify the accounts of others or to enter upon new lines of research for themselves, the results of which are to be incorporated in publications of their own.

The number of volumes consulted by the several readers varied from one to several dozen each. No attempt was made to record the number of volumes used in the library. As heretofore, the daily stream of visitors and sightseers who come into the library and the large number of correspondents have been disregarded in this summary.

Attendance and loan of books Oct. 1, 1904-Sept. 30, 1906.

	Readers		Books loaned	
	1904-'05	1905-'06	1904-'05	1905-'06
October	603	453	577	305
November	508	446	314	246
December	429	417	233	371
January	549	676	194	591
February	610	572	240	559
March	828	569	305	354
April	734	431	393	330
May	633	447	529	335
June	630	432	268	386
July	519	440	346	463
August	382	415	254	307
September	425	538	189	471
	<u>6,850</u>	<u>5,836</u>	<u>3,842</u>	<u>4,718</u>

PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

As heretofore, in the purchase of books, special attention has been given to our Connecticut section, law division, and to books needed in the work of the several commissions and departments in the Capitol. Effort has been made to have accessible so far as possible for us, all current reports in English, the usual dictionaries, encyclopedias, and digests, and such special treatises as are cited either by our own Supreme Court or that of the United States. The large number of reports,

digests, annotated statutes, and volumes of citations which have been published since 1900 has been much appreciated, as they more easily and quickly disclose the current law of our time.

While we are able to secure many series of reports and statutes upon exchange account, there are increasing numbers of these which must be purchased. The longer the delay in purchasing, as a rule, the greater the cost when finally added. Perhaps the most expensive and aggravating series to complete are the session laws. Even a hasty glance through the shelves will show what rapid strides are being made throughout the world by the English speaking people. The fact that the United States is now in both hemispheres and that Connecticut is found in the front rank in all spheres of our country's activity, requires that we have accessible the current law of those with whom we deal. Gradually our library is being strengthened along these lines.

ACCESSIONS

The additions to the library conveniently grouped into three divisions are: Bound volumes, 7,640; pamphlets, 13,040, and miscellaneous, 1,765. A total of 22,445 items. They have been received as follows:

	1904-'05			1905-'06		
	Bd. vols.	Pams.	Misc.	Bd. vols.	Pams.	Misc.
October	103	188	29	346	467	71
November	358	377	52	532	636	23
December	273	439	43	482	456	73
January	214	625	51	453	513	83
February	247	614	48	377	1,127	43
March	366	515	43	246	261	214
April	321	615	33	245	2,046	309
May	230	727	53	293	538	64
June	461	360	43	178	405	135
July	306	522	21	547	227	91
August	160	202	29	401	516	44
September	311	210	64	190	454	106
	3,350	5,394	509	4,290	7,646	1,256

ASSISTANCE.

As the State Library is the only place in our state where various lines of information can be obtained, it requires more time to serve the public, as our several lines are being made more available through cataloguing. It has been said "A

thing not indexed is not in the book." So we may also say a book not catalogued is not in the library.

Moreover, the fact that so many imperfect books are received by libraries requires that each book received should be inspected and its leaves cut, when necessary, before being marked, catalogued, and placed upon the shelves for the public. Prior to 1900 none of this work was done. It therefore has to be done now. It is humiliating to the library officials and maddening to the hurried reader to find a portion of an important volume either uncut, imperfect, or lacking. If the volume is collated when received imperfect copies can be replaced with little or no expense, but where the volume has been in the library for years the change is somewhat difficult, and often impossible, as shown by the following letter recently received:

Your letter of the 23d inst. is before me. I am very sorry to learn that your copy of volume 59, Vermont Reports, is an imperfect copy, particularly in view of the fact that v. 59 is probably the hardest volume to obtain of any of the series.

Copies have sold as high as forty dollars each, and there are none to be had that I know of, except one imperfect copy that I think can be purchased for a reasonable figure. I do not know what the imperfection is except that it consists of some wrong forms, and whether they are the same ones that are misplaced in your copy I do not know.

The real labor in the library does not consist in the mere bringing of books to a reader and returning them to the shelves again, but rather in the selection, securing, preparing, cataloguing, and maintaining these volumes.

Eternal vigilance is as necessary in the conduct of a library as in any other calling in life.

EXPENDITURES

The following are the expenditures of the State Library for the two years ended September 30, 1906:

Salaries:	1904-'05	1905-'06
George S. Godard, Librarian, .	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Charles R. Green, Assistant, .	900.00	900.00
Fanny I. Yale, " .	720.00	780.00
Annie L. Maltbie, Cataloguer, .	110.00	
Edith M. Pancoast, " .	585.00	780.00
Walter E. Price, ...	63.00	
Lena J. Barnard, ...		25.00
	\$4,878.00	\$4,985.00
		\$9,863.00

Purchase of Books:			
Regular,	\$3,009.71	\$3,423.30	
Specials,	1,101.02	2,744.56	
	\$4,110.73	\$6,167.86	\$10,278.59
Preservation and Indexing Records,			
	\$563.00	\$42.00	
Preservation Upjohn Plans,			
		500.00	
	\$563.00	\$542.00	\$1,105.00
Incidental Expenses:			
Binding,	\$435.78	\$730.35	
Printed Catalog Cards,	111.44	110.08	
Supplies,	558.46	331.26	
Exchanges,	98.00	153.62	
Clippings,	50.00	50.00	
Postage,	108.00	90.25	
Miscellaneous,	617.64	401.46	
	\$1,979.32	\$1,867.02	\$3,846.34
			\$25,092.93

CATALOGUING

As all state libraries are of necessity bound to grow rapidly, and from time to time demand a closer and more minute classification upon the shelves, proper provision is being made in our cataloguing for the various new divisions and subdivisions which will be necessary to be made upon the shelves from time to time.

All current additions to the library are now catalogued before being placed upon our shelves. The work of cataloguing the older books progresses as rapidly as we are able. The fact that no books were catalogued prior to 1900 makes our task a large one.

PRINTED CATALOGUE CARDS

The library continues to use in its work of cataloguing such printed catalogue cards as are obtainable and suited to our needs. Other cards are written upon the typewriter.

CATALOGUE OF LAW SECTION

For the convenience of those interested, a catalogue of American, English, Irish, Scotch, Canadian, Australian, South African, and Indian law reports in the State Library, together with our latest digests, statutes, and subsequent session laws in each group has been prepared. This handbook shows the re-

sources of the Connecticut State Library upon the current law of the several states, provinces, and countries above mentioned. It includes all books of this department received to January 1, 1907.

CATALOGUE OF CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY.

It is of interest to the people of Connecticut to know that their State Library has just been designated by the Library of Congress as one of its official depositories to receive regularly an official set of its printed catalogue cards. This series of catalogue cards is intended to show by author all current additions to our National Library, and when completed will include every volume in that great collection. Already over two hundred and fifty thousand cards have been printed. While the maintaining of this collection will impose additional work upon the library, the benefits to be derived from such a catalogue centrally located in our state more than justifies the same.

CATALOGUING CONNECTICUT PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

Comparatively few appreciate the research and labor that is devoted to the preparation and publication of our several departmental reports. Much less do they appreciate their contents. The fact that they are labeled "Report of" places them in the minds of many in the list of "just public documents—" that despised class—many from which, if given an attractive binding and proper title and sold instead of being given away, would be considered a valued addition to the family and public library and treated as such.

In order that the principal contents of these volumes, which are now forwarded to the public libraries of our state and to our several exchanges without the state, may be easily learned and thus made available, it is proposed to prepare printed catalogue cards of standard size covering these items, which can be placed in the regular catalogue of the libraries to which they are sent.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

In my report for 1904 a list of the official departmental reports of Connecticut was given, stating the year when the

first printed report in the several series began and giving its document number based upon the same. Three additions have since been made to this list, as follows:

No. 49.	Soldiers' Hospital Board, ...	1905
" 50.	Board of Control, ...	1906
" 51.	Norwich Hospital for the Insane, ...	1906

The adoption of a standard paper, as provided by the Act of 1905, and a standard page for our public documents, and the securing of the approval of the Board of Control before placing a report with the printer, has improved the appearance and size of the several state publications.

EXCHANGE BUREAU

The work and importance of an exchange bureau is very clearly and concisely set forth in the following extract from the October Bulletin of the University of Pennsylvania, as follows:

"In connection with its publications, the University maintains an Exchange Bureau. Through the medium of this Bureau, the publications noted under the various group headings are distributed to some one hundred and fifty home and foreign universities and learned societies, which, in exchange, forward to the University Library publications embodying the results of original research, etc., issued under their several auspices. Much valuable material is thus added to the shelves of the Library, while the exchange system enables the University to extend its own sphere of usefulness, and at the same time to come into closer contact with important centres of educational activity, both at home and abroad."

What is true in university exchange is equally true in state exchanges. Practically all the official publications of our several states — showing the life, progress, success, failures, and cost of their several lines of state activities — are sent to the several state libraries and other depositories in exchange. Much valuable material relating to the life and affairs at home and abroad is thus made accessible at the centers of the several states at comparatively little expense. Thus, fifty copies of a book may be made to serve at fifty capitols by placing the same in the state library, where it is not discarded each year, as with individuals, but retained in a connected series for future reference.

Such a system of exchange assumes that each state will be true, not only to itself, but also to the several sister states, and forward regularly and promptly as issued *all* of its publications.

The Connecticut State Library, as the medium through which our exchanges are made, has endeavored to be true to its trust. Every effort has been made to meet every request received from a sister state or foreign government for our official publications, so far as the same are now available. In many instances much help has been received from town officials and individuals, who have turned over to the State Library such early laws, journals, and departmental reports as were of no service to them or they were willing to contribute. Contributions along these lines will always be appreciated, as the larger libraries and universities springing up throughout our land desire to have the same accessible.

LIBRARY DEPOSITORIES

Realizing that the best interests of a state require that its citizens have easy access to the reports of the life and work of its several departments, special efforts have been made to send to the several school, public, and college libraries, which have requested the same, the several departmental reports and state publications regularly as soon as possible after publication.

The large increase in the number and cost of state and government publications in recent years has made regular depositories for the same almost a necessity. In these days of public libraries it is no longer necessary for an individual to go to the trouble and expense of collecting and housing long series of these departmental reports for his own temporary use, neither is it necessary for the state to go to the expense of furnishing such series to go to several individuals in a community, when one or two accessible sets centrally located will serve that community just as well or better.

In addition to the several libraries, a list of which was published in my last report, the following libraries also receive regular shipments from the State Library:

GOVERNMENTAL

- 74. American Section Municipal Library, Frankfort-on-Main, Germany.
- 75. Legislative Library, Edmonton, Alberta.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- 247 Peck Library, Norwich, Conn.
- 248 Thompson Library, Inc., Thompson, Conn.
- 249. Missouri State Historical Society, Columbia, Mo.
- 250. Danbury Normal School Library, Danbury, Conn.
- 251. Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.
- 252. Free Library, Litchfield, Conn.
- 253. State Normal School Library, New Haven, Conn.
- 254. American Chamber of Commerce, Naples, Italy.
- 255. Cragin Memorial Library, Colchester, Conn.
- 256. Plymouth Library Association, Plymouth, Conn.
- 257. University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden.
- 258. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 259. Free Public Library, New Hartford, Conn.

LAW LIBRARIES

- 356. Law Association of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 357. Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Ill.

PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES

- 458. Boston Athenaeum Library, Boston, Mass.
- 459. Sarah Whitman Trumbull Chapter, Watertown, Conn.
- 460. Gilbert School Library, Winsted, Conn.
- 461. Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter, West Hartford, Conn.
- 462. Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants, Hartford, Conn.
- 463. Ohio Historical & Philosophical Society, Cincinnati, O.

STATE GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY

In response to the request of the Commission, the State Librarian undertook the custody and distribution of the several publications of our Geological and Natural History Survey. From the first effort has been made to place these publications with libraries, institutions, and individuals where they would be of service, and the files maintained for public and professional reference. With the assistance of the Superintendent of the Survey a preliminary mailing list was prepared as follows:

Universities and Colleges	65
Colleges for Women	6
Schools of Technology	35
Geological Surveys	37
Learned Societies	96
Scientific Periodicals	57
Public Libraries	148
State Libraries	73
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Zoölogists, ...	275
Geologists	312
	1,278

In order that the proposed work of the Commission might be better understood, and in order that opportunity might be offered for the exchange of publications needed by our state, the following letter was sent to the several addresses upon the proposed list:

GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY OF CONNECTICUT.

By the action of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, approved June 3, 1903, a State Geological and Natural History Survey was established. The first Bulletin of that Survey has just been issued as a pamphlet of 18 pages. It is the First Biennial Report of the Commissioners under whose direction the Survey was placed. This report gives an outline of the scientific work which has been undertaken and which is in progress, and also some indication of plans for future work. It contains no scientific matter, but will be followed at short intervals by a number of bulletins giving the result of scientific work.

Among these bulletins will be the following:

- A Manual of the Geology of Connecticut, by W. N. Rice and H. E. Gregory.
- A Geological Map of Connecticut, by H. E. Gregory and H. H. Robinson.
- A Report on the Clays of Connecticut, by G. F. Loughlin.
- A Report on the Phanerogams and the Higher Cryptogams of Connecticut, prepared under the auspices of The Connecticut Botanical Society.
- Reports on Certain Groups of the Fungi of Connecticut, by E. A. White and G. P. Clinton.
- A Report on the Fresh-water Algæ of Connecticut, by H. W. Conn.
- A List of the Birds of Connecticut, with notes on Migrations, Food, etc., by J. H. Sage and L. B. Bishop.

Each of these bulletins will be published in paper covers, and a portion of the edition will be reserved for binding. From time to time the bulletins which have been published will be assembled in volumes of convenient size, generally not less than 500 pages nor more than 1,000, with a general index for each volume.

The distribution is to be made by the State Librarian, and the reports and other publications received in exchange will be deposited in the Connecticut State Library. As the publications of the Survey will be issued in limited editions, it is desired to place the same where they will be of most service. I shall be pleased to place the name of your institution upon the list of those to which the publications of the Survey shall be sent, if you will kindly indicate to me whether you desire to receive each bulletin in paper covers as soon as issued, or to receive the same in the bound volumes into which the bulletins are to be collected from time to time. Will you have the kindness to advise me also what reports or other publications you may be able to send in exchange for these bulletins?

Yours very respectfully,

GEO. S. GODARD.

State Librarian.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY,
Hartford, December 28, 1904.

In response to the invitation much valuable material has been added to the State Library which could hardly have been secured in any other way.

While preference has been given to institutions and libraries, every request from citizens of our state and students and professors in colleges has been honored. The large number of requests received from those connected with colleges and those engaged in special scientific work speaks well for the character of the five bulletins thus far published.

TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY MAPS

In 1889 the General Assembly provided for the appointment of a commission to act with the United States Geological Survey in the preparation of a topographical survey of the state. This resulted in the publication in 1893 of the Topographical Atlas of Connecticut, which, with its thirty-three separate sections and the wall map, have proven so helpful and popular. Showing, as these several sheets do, the highways, streams, elevations, location of villages and farm houses, they will always be in demand. The State Librarian, in whose hands was placed the sale of the atlas, maps, and sheets, has paid back to the State Treasurer \$2,239.69 received from the sale of the same to October 1, 1906.

As the supply of the atlases is low and as there have been various corrections made by the United States Geological Sur-

vey from time to time, as new editions of the several sheets have been printed by that bureau, it would seem desirable that a new supply of the atlas and sheets be provided for and that our Geological and Natural History Survey Commission be empowered to arrange for the same.

CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT RECORDS AND BRIEFS

In my former reports reference has been made to our file of Connecticut Supreme Court Records and Briefs, which we are trying to assemble. It is urgently hoped that those who have any such Records or Briefs — whether few or many — which they are willing to part with will advise the State Librarian, or forward the same to the State Library at an early date. If so requested, all duplicates will be returned. Our file, although very, very incomplete, now goes back to 1860, Volume 29, Connecticut Supreme Court Reports.

REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE HEARINGS

In 1905 the General Assembly passed the following:

"The Comptroller shall provide for and furnish to the state library one original copy of all such reports of committee hearings as any of the several committees shall require to be made and transcribed by the stenographer of such committee for the use of said committee." (Public Acts, Chap. 28.)

Under this act there were furnished to the State Library stenographers' reports from the following committees of the General Assembly of 1905:

- Agriculture
- Banks
- Capitol Furniture and Grounds
- Cities and Boroughs
- Claims
- Education
- Finance
- Fisheries and Game
- Humane Institutions
- Incorporations
- Insurance
- Judiciary (Telephone)
- Labor
- Military Affairs
- New Towns and Probate Districts

Public Health and Safety
Railroads (Partial)
Roads, Bridges, and Rivers

The State Library now has the stenographers' reports of the following committees, all of which have been indexed and substantially bound :

Agriculture, 1905.
Appropriations, 1889, 1893, 1899, 1901, 1903.
Banks, 1905.
Capitol Furniture and Grounds, 1905.
Cities and Boroughs, 1901, 1905.
Claims, 1905.
Constitutional Amendments, 1901, 1903.
Education, 1905.
Finances, 1899, 1901, 1905.
Fisheries and Game, 1905.
Humane Institutions, 1905.
Incorporations, 1905.
Insurance, 1905.
Judiciary (Railroad), 1903.
Judiciary (Telephone), 1905.
Labor, 1905.
Military Affairs, 1905.
New Towns and Probate Districts, 1905.
Public Health and Safety, 1905.
Railroads, 1901, 1903, 1905.
Roads, Bridges, and Rivers, 1905

The importance of these reports of committee hearings should not be overlooked. Our General Assembly is of necessity compelled to delegate to its several committees the responsibility of investigating the several matters presented and report upon the same with their recommendations. The report of these committee hearings are, therefore, most important. An accessible file of such reports for past years would have prevented many a law-suit and relieved our courts of much labor.

BINDINGS

One of the discouraging features in the work of the library is the large number of sheep-bound volumes upon our shelves. This leather rapidly disintegrates and the covers easily break away, necessitating rebinding, which is now being done for the most part in "Boston Duck," canvas, and, in special cases,

one-half red morocco. It is to be hoped that sheep-binding, as now commonly done, will soon be a thing of the past, and that more publishers will at least give an option in bindings.

Where it is possible in our rebinding, several thin books, when consecutive, are substantially bound into one volume of convenient size. While this method may decrease the "number of volumes," as such, in our library, it detracts nothing from its resources. Such volumes when properly labeled and lettered economize expense, shelving, and time. It lessens the possibility of loss through theft and misplacing — for a volume out of its place is practically lost. It also increases our shelving by requiring us to shelve only two card-board covers in the place of several when bound separately.

PERIODICALS

In order that the various articles relating to Connecticut, which appear from time to time in the various magazines, may be accessible in the library, efforts have been made to secure a copy of such numbers of these magazines as contain such contributions. The desired article is removed and with others assembled into a volume of convenient size and catalogued. In this way much of the Connecticut material to be found running through a long file of periodicals is being conveniently grouped in a few volumes.

PAMPHLETS

The large number of pamphlets possessed by the library have been classified, and are being grouped from time to time in volumes of convenient size, where each pamphlet is treated as a separate chapter in the volume and separately catalogued.

TOWN REPORTS

The work of collecting files of the official reports of our one hundred sixty-eight towns and our several cities and boroughs continues. As it is very desirable that there should be a complete file of these reports accessible, it is earnestly hoped that any one who has any of the several reports needed

to complete our files will communicate with the State Librarian concerning the same.

It would be interesting to know just how many of our towns possess complete and accessible files of this, their only official publication. Evidently but very few have preserved and maintained such a file.

The following is a list of Connecticut Town Reports in the State Library, December 1, 1906:

- Andover.**— School Reports, 1863-4, 1883.
Town reports, 1877, 1880-1883, 1885, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Ansonia.**— Board of Education, 1902.
Town Reports, 1889-1904.
- Ashford.**— Town Reports, 1876, 1879, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Avon.**— Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Barkhamsted.**— Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Beacon Falls.**— Town Reports, 1881-1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1905.
- Berlin.**— Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1903.
- Bethany.**— Town Reports, 1883, 1890-1897, 1899-1905.
- Bethel.**— Town Reports, 1882, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Bethlehem.**— Town Reports, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Bloomfield.**— Town Reports, 1869-1904, 1906.
- Bolton.**— Town Reports, 1883, 1891-1904.
- Bozrah.**— Town Reports, 1882-1885, 1889, 1890, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Branford.**— Town Reports, 1879-1887, 1889, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Bridgeport.**— Municipal Register, 1873-1904.
Town Reports, 1883, 1884.
- Bristol.**— Borough Reports, 1894-1906.
Town Reports, 1873, 1876-1878, 1880-1883, 1885-1891, 1893-1905.
- Brookfield.**— Town Reports, 1893-1896, 1899-1904.
- Brooklyn.**— Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Burlington.**— Town Reports, 1883, 1886, 1888-1906.
- Canaan.**— Town Reports, 1882-1888, 1893-1905.
- Canterbury.**— Town Reports, 1880, 1882-1884, 1886, 1888-1904.
- Canton.**— Town Reports, 1869, 1876, 1877, 1880-1883, 1886, 1887, 1889-1897, 1899-1904, 1906.
School Reports, 1895.
- Chaplin.**— Town Reports, 1887, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Chatham.**— Town Reports, 1868-1906.
- Cheshire.**— Town Reports, 1868-1906.
- Chester.**— Town Reports, 1882-1887, 1889-1891, 1893-1899, 1901-1905.
- Clinton.**— Town Reports, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Colchester.**— Town Reports, 1877-1880, 1882, 1884-1886, 1888-1905.
School Reports, 1879-80, 1881-2, 1884-5, 1885-6.
- Colebrook.**— Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Columbia.**— Town Reports, 1871, 1873-1904.

- Cornwall.**—Town Reports, 1871-1873, 1875, 1877-1879, 1881-1886, 1888-1904.
- Coventry.**—Town Reports, 1865, 1874, 1879, 1880, 1882-1885, 1887, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Cromwell.**—Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Danbury.**—Municipal Register, 1901-1902.
Town Reports, 1882-1885, 1890, 1891, 1893-1905.
- Darien.**—Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Derby.**—City Reports, 1894-1904.
Town Reports, 1882, 1885, 1890, 1891.
- Durham.**—Town Reports, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893, 1895-1903.
School Reports, 1896, 1905.
- Eastford.**—Town Reports, 1880, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1901, 1903, 1904.
- East Granby.**—Town Reports, 1877-1882, 1884-1904, 1906.
- East Haddam.**—Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1887-1891, 1893-1905.
- East Hartford.**—Town Reports, 1871, 1873, 1880-1884, 1886-1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
School Reports, 1871-1876, 1880, 1881, 1886, 1887, 1889, 1893, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1903, 1904.
- East Haven.**—Town Reports, 1882, 1891, 1893, 1897, 1899-1904.
- East Lyme.**—Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1903.
- Easton.**—Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- East Windsor.**—Town Reports, 1854, 1856, 1859-1905.
- Ellington.**—Town Reports, 1864-1905.
- Enfield.**—Town Reports, 1869-1871, 1876-1881, 1883-1905.
School Reports, 1876-7, 1879-80.
- Essex.**—Town Reports, 1882-1885, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Fairfield.**—Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Farmington.**—Borough Reports, 1902-1905.
Town Reports, 1866, 1869-1883, 1885-1891, 1893-1898, 1900-1904.
- Franklin.**—School Report, 1873.
Town Reports, 1875-6, 1882, 1883, 1886, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Glastonbury.**—Town Reports, 1869, 1877-1903.
- Goshen.**—Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890-1906.
- Granby.**—Town Reports, 1871-1905.
- Greenwich.**—School Reports, 1880, 1881.
Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Griswold.**—Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Groton.**—School Reports, 1875-1878.
Town Reports, 1862, 1865, 1875, 1878-1905.
- Guilford.**—Town Reports, 1872-1906.
Borough Reports, 1905.
- Haddam.**—Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1888, 1890, 1891, 1893-1905.
- Hamden.**—Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Hampton.**—Town Reports, 1893-1897, 1899-1903.
- Hartford.**—School Visitor's Reports, 1848-9, 1852-3, 1856, 1858, 1860, 1863, 1865-1875, 1877-1879, 1881-1884, 1887, 1888, 1891, 1903.
Town Reports, 1881-1888, 1890-1895
Municipal Register, 1875-1906.

- Hartland.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1884-1887, 1889-1905.
School Reports, 1885-1889.
- Harwinton.** — Town Reports, 1873-1877, 1879, 1881-1888, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904, 1906.
- Hebron.** — Town Reports, 1878-1904.
- Huntington.** — Borough Reports, 1883-1885, 1887-1903.
Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Kent.** — Town Reports, 1892-1904.
- Killingly.** — Town Reports, 1867, 1875-1906.
Borough Reports, 1890-1906.
- Killingworth.** — Town Reports, 1902-1904.
- Lebanon.** — Town Reports, 1866, 1874-1904.
- Ledyard.** — Town Reports, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Lisbon.** — Town Reports, 1871, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Litchfield.** — School Reports, 1880, 1882-1884, 1886-1895, 1897, 1901, 1902, 1904, 1905.
Town Reports, 1877, 1878, 1880, 1882, 1883, 1885-1888, 1890, 1891, 1893-1905.
- Lyme.** — Town Reports, 1871, 1872, 1887, 1889-1906.
- Madison.** — Town Reports, 1880-1884, 1888-1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Manchester.** — School Reports, 1863, 1866, 1869, 1871-1873, 1875-1878, 1881, 1882, 1884, 1888, 1903, 1904.
Town Reports, 1863-1865, 1867-1872, 1875, 1877, 1879-1906.
- Mansfield.** — School Report, 1883.
Town Reports, 1877, 1881-1906.
- Marlborough.** — Town Reports, 1883, 1890, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Meriden.** — School Reports, 1872-1875, 1880, 1882, 1884, 1886-1905.
Town Reports, 1871-1873, 1875, 1876, 1879-1883, 1886, 1890-1905.
Municipal Registers, 1888-1905.
- Middlebury.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Middlebury.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Middletown.** — Board of Education, 1893, 1896, 1897.
Town Reports, 1876-1904.
- Milford.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Monroe.** — Town Reports, 1890-1897, 1899-1904.
- Montville.** — Town Reports, 1871, 1875, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1890-1892, 1894-1897, 1899-1904.
- Morris.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1895-1897, 1899-1904.
- Naugatuck.** — Borough Reports, 1894-1895.
Town Reports, 1877, 1878, 1882-1894.
- New Britain.** — School Reports, 1853-1855, 1859, 1860.
Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1888, 1891-1903.
Municipal Record, 1882, 1902.
- New Canaan.** — Town Reports, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- New Fairfield.** — Town Reports, 1886, 1888, 1890, 1893-1906.
- New Hartford.** — Town Reports, 1883, 1892-1897, 1899-1903.
- New Haven.** — Board of Education, 1856, 1859, 1877-1879, 1881, 1884-1888, 1890, 1898.
City Year Books, 1863-1901.
Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1889-1891, 1893-1897.
- Newington.** — School Report, 1905-06.
Town Reports, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904, 1906.

- New London.** — Municipal Record, 1890-1894, 1896, 1897.
School Report, 1858.
- New Milford.** — Town Reports, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Newtown.** — Town Reports, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Norfolk.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- North Branford.** — Town Reports, 1875, 1877-1879, 1881-1883, 1886, 1888-1904.
- North Canaan.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890-1906.
- North Haven.** — Town Reports, 1867-1904.
- North Stonington.** — Town Reports, 1889-1905.
School Report, 1893.
- Norwalk.** — School Reports, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1894-1899.
Town Reports, 1878, 1880-1885, 1887-1889, 1891-1894, 1896-1905.
City Reports, 1896, 1898-1904.
- Norwich.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1888, 1890-1897, 1899-1904.
- Old Lyme.** — Town Reports, 1872, 1881, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Old Saybrook.** — Town Reports, 1877, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1899, 1901-1904.
- Orange.** — Borough Reports, 1898-1905.
Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1889-1904.
- Oxford.** — Town Reports, 1879, 1882-1884, 1889-1905.
- Plainfield.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Plainville.** — School Report, 1888.
Town Reports, 1869-1875, 1878-1883, 1885-1906.
- Plymouth.** — Town Reports, 1869, 1871-1873, 1875-1877, 1880-1906.
- Pomfret.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Portland.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1892-1897, 1899-1904.
- Preston.** — Town Reports, 1883, 1884, 1887, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904, 1906.
- Prospect.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890-1897, 1899-1904.
- Putnam.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Redding.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Ridgefield.** — Town Reports, 1883, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Rocky Hill.** — Town Reports, 1883, 1890-1903.
- Roxbury.** — Town Reports, 1883, 1889-1891, 1893-1906.
- Salem.** — Town Reports, 1874-1877, 1879-1883, 1885-1887, 1899, 1900, 1902.
- Salisbury.** — Town Reports, 1879, 1882-1887, 1891-1906.
- Saybrook.** — Town Reports, 1876, 1880-1883, 1885-1905.
- Scotland.** — School Report, 1899.
Town Reports, 1890-1904, 1906.
- Seymour.** — Town Reports, 1869-1874, 1876-1897, 1899-1905.
- Sharon.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Sherman.** — Town Reports, 1878-1903.
- Simsbury.** — Town Reports, 1862-1865, 1870-1876, 1879, 1881-1884, 1886-1905.
- Somers.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1889-1891, 1893-1904.
- Southbury.** — Town Reports, 1878, 1891-1894, 1898-1901.
- Southington.** — Borough Reports, 1894-1896, 1900-1905.
Town Reports, 1859, 1865, 1867-1905.
- South Windsor.** — Town Reports, 1862-1864, 1868-1870, 1872, 1877-1887, 1889-1904.
- Sprague.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1902, 1904.
- Stafford.** — Borough Reports, 1887-1891, 1893-1905.
School Reports, 1882, 1897.
Town Reports, 1849, 1858, 1877, 1880-1883, 1885-1904.

- Stamford.** — City Reports, 1899-1904.
 School Reports, 1890, 1891, 1893, 1896, 1899.
 Town Reports, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1903.
- Sterling.** — Town Reports, 1882-1884, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Stonington.** — School Reports, 1891-1894, 1896-1904.
 Selectmen's Reports, 1892-1903.
 Town Reports, 1874-1876, 1881-1884, 1889, 1890, 1904.
- Stratford.** — Town Reports, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Suffield.** — School Reports, 1874-1876.
 Town Reports, 1852, 1859-1905.
- Thomaston.** — Town Reports, 1882-1884, 1887, 1890, 1891, 1893-1905.
- Thompson.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893, 1895-1897, 1899-1903.
- Tolland.** — Board of Education, 1874-1877.
 Town Reports, 1871, 1873, 1874, 1877-1905.
- Torrington.** — Borough Reports, 1888-1896, 1898-1906.
 Town Reports, 1874, 1882, 1883, 1887, 1890, 1893-1906.
- Trumbull.** — Town Reports, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Union.** — Town Reports, 1866, 1873, 1877-1880, 1882-1884, 1888, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Vernon.** — Municipal Registers, 1901, 1905.
 School Reports, 1898-1905.
 Town Reports, 1875, 1878-1881, 1883-1906.
- Voluntown.** — Town Reports, 1879, 1881-1884, 1886, 1887, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Wallingford.** — Borough Reports, 1901.
 Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1889-1891, 1893-1904.
- Warren.** — Town Reports, 1896, 1899, 1900.
- Washington.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890-1904.
- Waterbury.** — Board of Education, 1901, 1902, 1904, 1905.
 Municipal Registers, 1875-1904.
 Town Reports, 1884, 1886-1901.
- Waterford.** — Town Reports, 1876, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1903.
- Watertown.** — Town Reports, 1874-1884, 1886-1906.
- Westbrook.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- West Hartford.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Weston.** — Town Reports, 1890, 1895-1897, 1899-1904.
- Westport.** — Town Reports, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Wethersfield.** — Town Reports, 1876, 1879-1883, 1885-1906.
- Willington.** — Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1886, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
 School Report, 1887.
- Wilton.** — Town Reports, 1878, 1881-1883, 1885, 1886, 1888, 1890, 1891, 1893-1904.
- Winchester.** — Borough Reports, 1890-1897, 1899-1906.
 Town Reports, 1880-1903, 1906.
- Windham.** — Borough Reports, 1876, 1878, 1879, 1882, 1883, 1886, 1888-1890.
 Town Reports, 1873, 1875-1906.
 School Reports, 1858, 1867, 1870-1872, 1875-1883, 1885, 1892, 1898-1904, 1906.
- Windsor.** — Town Reports, 1869, 1875, 1881-1884, 1886, 1887, 1889-1891, 1893-1906.
- Windsor Locks.** — School Report, 1881.
 Town Reports, 1870, 1881-1883, 1886, 1889-1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.
- Wolcott.** — Town Report, 1904.

Woodbridge.—Town Reports, 1882, 1883, 1890, 1891, 1893-1897, 1899-1904.

Woodbury.—Town Reports, 1882, 1885, 1890, 1891, 1893-1905.

Woodstock.—Town Reports, 1848, 1852, 1853, 1855, 1859, 1860, 1864, 1882, 1883, 1889-1891, 1893-1904.

TOWN RECORDS OF THE WAR OF THE REVOLUTION

The General Assembly of 1895 passed the following Act, approved May 25, 1895, providing for the preservation of Town Records of the War of the Revolution:

"Resolved by this assembly:

That every town clerk in this State shall examine carefully the town records of his town, and make a true copy of all that relates to the revolutionary war in such records, between the year 1774, and the year 1784 inclusive, preserving the original spelling and capitals, and the original form of the record as far as may be, giving the page and volume of the record, and shall certify that it is a true copy of the record, and mail the same to the state librarian at Hartford, on or before January first, 1896; and shall be paid therefor, by the state, at the rate of twenty-five cents per legal page. When there is no such record the town clerk shall so certify."

Accordingly, on September 12, 1895, the State Librarian sent the following letter to the several Town Clerks:

"To the Town Clerk—

Your attention is respectfully called to the subjoined Resolve passed by the last Legislature.

It is suggested that the copies be made on foolscap paper (not law-cap), as it would be more convenient for binding and preservation.

Charles J. Hoadly,
State Librarian.

In accordance with this act there were received certified copies of extracts from the records of towns as follows:

Ashford	East Windsor
Bolton	Enfield
Branford	Fairfield
Canaan	Farmington
Canterbury	Goshen
Chatham	Groton
Colchester	Guilford
Colebrook	Hartford
Cornwall	Hartland
Coventry	Harwinton
Danbury	Hebron
Derby	Kent
East Haddam	Killingly

Killingworth	Saybrook
Lebanon	Simsbury
Litchfield	Southington
Lyme	Stafford
Mansfield	Stamford
Middletown	Stonington
Milford	Stratford
New Hartford	Suffield
New London	Union
New Milford	Wallingford
Norfolk	Washington
Norwalk	Waterbury
Norwich	Watertown
Plainfield	Wethersfield
Pomfret	Winchester
Preston	Windham
Redding	Woodbury
Ridgefield	Woodstock
Salisbury	

The Town Clerks of the following towns certified that they had no such records in their custody.

Andover	Middlefield
Barkhamsted	Montville
Beacon Falls	Morris
Berlin	Naugatuck
Bethel	New Britain
Bethlehem	Newtown
Bloomfield	North Stonington
Bozrah	Old Lyme
Bridgeport	Old Saybrook
Bridgewater	Oxford
Bristol	Plymouth
Brookfield	Portland
Brooklyn	Putnam
Burlington	Scotland
Chaplin	Seymour
Clinton	Somers
Columbia	Southbury
Cromwell	South Windsor
East Hartford	Thomaston
Granby	Torrington
Griswold	Trumbull
Hamden	Vernon
Hampton	Voluntown
Ledyard	Warren
Madison	Waterford
Marlborough	Willington
Meriden	Wolcott

While many of these records thus gathered together did not embody all that could be desired nor all that was expected, yet their value is by no means to be overlooked. They have, therefore, been gotten together, paged, and carefully indexed, preparatory to being substantially bound, and thus made accessible. The records of each town will form a volume and have its own index.

PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

The work of collecting, grouping, indexing, preserving, and binding our archives and early records, and thus making them accessible has been continued. We now have twelve volumes preserved by the silk or Emery process in the State Library.

To those mentioned in our last report the following have been added:

Foreign Correspondence with the British Government, 1663-1748, 2 volumes, 170 items.

Connecticut Men in French-Indian War, 1761, 30 items.

Records Hartford Commons Distribution and Layout of Highways, 1753.

Mohegan Indians vs. Colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Island, 1638-1743.

The work of indexing and binding our early papers provided for by the last General Assembly, will in the near future place in the accessible list a mass of material, the existence of which has not heretofore been generally known.

ARCHIVES.

The interest in historical, genealogical, and legislative research is steadily growing. New and ever increasing demands are being made upon the archives of our several states. By archives I mean the official and quasi-official records of events connected with the life and development of our several states, counties, towns, cities, families, industries, and institutions. Everywhere the sons and daughters of New England and of the sister colonies are turning their minds homeward and asking innumerable questions which only these records can answer.

Archives are migratory. They suddenly disappear and as suddenly reappear when and where least expected. Almost daily we read of some important record or paper coming to light. Ancient attics, trunks, and chests are constantly contributing along these lines. It is a pleasure to be able to report several important additions by gift to this department of the library. Under the provision of 1905 we have a trained cataloguer who is devoting her entire time to arranging and indexing records.

JOHN WINTHROP'S NEW LONDON COMMISSION

This commission, dated October 27, 1647, appointing John Winthrop the first magistrate of Nameock — now New London — was presented to the state by Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., January 19, 1888, and is one of the most interesting documents in our State Library. Not only was it written and signed by our second colonial governor, Edward Hopkins, who did so much for the educational interests of our state, but it bears the earliest known impression of the seal of Connecticut. This impression, which is in red wax, shows fifteen grape-vines instead of our customary three, to which number a change was made in 1711.

JOHN WINTHROP'S LETTER OF CREDIT

This Letter of Credit for £500, a photograph of which is reproduced in this report, taken by John Winthrop when he went to London as agent of the Colony of Connecticut to negotiate for a charter from Charles II, was loaned to the Connecticut State Library in 1868 by Hon. Robert C. Winthrop of Boston, and later presented to the library, January 19, 1888, by Robert C. Winthrop, Jr. It was authorized by the General Court of Connecticut March 14, 1660-61, in the following manner:

"It is ordered that the Five hundred pounds that Capt John Cullick is to pay y^e Countrey, shalbe kept and improved in pursuance of our Adresse to his highnes our Sovereigne Lord Charles etc.

Mr. Willis, Mr. Allyn, & Will^m Wadsworth are appointed as a Committee to meet with Capt Cullick when he comes up, to receaue in such Bills as he is to Assigne to y^e Countreys use."— Col. Recs., I, 362.

Treasurer Talcott was authorized to sign it June 7, 1661, as follows:

"The Treasurer is appointed to signe y^e L^r of Credit whereby the Gouvernor may be authorized to charge Bills on y^e Colony to y^e

value of 500l according to former act of y^e Court. The Treasurer is to give order to y^e Committee for y^e Delivery of pay when Bills are charged." — Col. Recs. I, 370.

The payment of this Letter of Credit was made as follows: Governor Winthrop, in London, May 3, 1662, drew on Treasurer Talcott in favor of Edward Cowes, Giles Silvester and William Maskeline, or their assigns, at New London, for 2,000 bushels of wheat at 3s. 6d. per bushel, and 1,200 bushels of peas at 2s. 6d. per bushel, all of which amounts to 500 pounds sterling. The draft was assigned at London, May 21, 1662, to Philip Best and Edward Paule, aboard the John and Robert of London, was accepted by Treasurer Talcott November 14, 1662, and a receipt in full acknowledged by Best and Paule December 1, 1662. (See Conn. His. Soc. Col., I, 52-55. Mass. His. Soc. Proc., 1869-70, 344.)

The letter to the Earl of Manchester, the address to the King and the instructions to Governor Winthrop, found in Connecticut Archives, Foreign Correspondence, Volume 2, Documents 1-3 respectively, have been printed in Colonial Records, I, 579-585.

VAULTS

As strange as it may seem, only eight vaults were provided in our capitol building prior to the provision made by the General Assembly of 1905. These are found in the following departments: Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, School Fund, Military, Insurance, Supreme Court Reporter, and Supreme Court Clerk. No provision was made for any vault in connection with the State Library, which contains so much that is priceless. This great lack was partially remedied by the General Assembly of 1901, which provided for our new shelving and special safes for the "Old Charter" and the Archives. The new vaults constructed in the basement during the past year under the direction of Superintendent Sprague, in accordance with the 1905 appropriation, are appreciated by the several departments to which they have been assigned, but by none more than the State Library.

VITAL STATISTICS

The cases of cards showing the births, marriages, and deaths in the state since July 1, 1897, which were in the custody

of the State Library while the offices of the State Board of Health, to which they belonged, were in New Haven, have been moved to the new offices of the Board on the fifth floor of the Capitol, where they may still be consulted.

CONNECTICUT NEWSPAPERS

Through the courtesy of the publishers the State Library receives the following Connecticut newspapers:

Norwich Bulletin.
Winsted Evening Citizen.
Il Corriere del Connecticut.
Norwich Courier.
New London Day.
Connecticut Farmer.
Hartford Sunday Globe.
Bridgeport Herald.
Waterbury Herald.
Winsted Herald.
Hartford Saturday Journal.
Meriden Daily Journal.
Litchfield County Leader.
South Manchester News.
Hartford Post.
Bristol Press.
Thompsonville Press.
Collinsville Record.
Seymour Record.
New Haven Evening Register.
New Haven Sunday Register.
Torrington Evening Register.
Waterbury Republican.
Darien Review.
Bridgeport Standard.
Hartford Telegram.
Hartford Times.
Shore Lines Times.
(La) Tribuna del Connecticut.

While it has not seemed best thus far to bind all of these, those not bound are placed in packages and laid aside.

CONNECTICUT BIBLIOGRAPHY

The work of taking an inventory of the Connecticut items in the several libraries of the state as a necessary step to the preparation of a Bibliography of Connecticut has been continued with some interruptions. This work, which was author-

ized by the Connecticut Library Association at its February meeting in 1904, was outlined in my report for that year. The cards thus far prepared are at the Pequot Library, Southport, where they are being arranged as received.

UPJOHN CAPITOL PLANS

As provided for by the General Assembly of 1905, the eight hundred and six original sketches, drawings, elevations, and detail plans showing the evolution of our Capitol, presented to the state by the heirs of Architect Richard M. Upjohn of New York, in 1903, have been classified, arranged, mounted, and substantially bound in twelve large volumes plainly labeled. They may now be easily and safely consulted.

MANWARING'S EARLY CONNECTICUT PROBATE RECORDS

In accordance with the resolution approved July 13, 1905, a set of these records, recently published in three volumes and having its own consecutive number, was sent to the following towns:

Andover	Probate Office	Set No. 764
Ansonia	Public Library	701
Ashford	Probate Office	757
Berlin	" "	796
Bloomfield	Prosser Library	702
Branford	Blackstone Library	797
Bridgeport	Probate Office	749
Burlington	Public Library	767
Canaan	Probate Office	722
Colchester	" "	755
Coventry	" "	705
Danbury	Public Library	799
Derby	" "	715
East Haddam	Probate Office	713
East Hartford	" "	771
East Lyme	" "	759
Enfield	" "	733
Fairfield	" "	724
Farmington	" "	800
Glastonbury	Free Public Library	772
Granby	Cossitt Library	723
Greenwich	Public Library	751
Guilford	Probate Office	712
Haddam	" "	716
Hartford	" "	708

Hartford	Public Library	Set No. 709
Harwinton	Probate Office	754
Hebron	" "	710
Killingly	" "	770
Killingworth	" "	793
Lebanon	" "	775
Litchfield	" "	752
Manchester	South Manchester Public Library	727
Mansfield	Conn. Agricultural College Library	744
Meriden	Public Library	711
Middletown	Probate Office	706
"	Russell Free Library	714
Milford	Taylor Library	777
New Britain	Free Institute Library	720
New Hartford	Probate Office	753
New Haven	" "	798
" "	Public Library	721
Newington	" "	761
New London	Probate Office	763
New Milford	Public Library	765
Norwalk	Probate Office	718
"	South Norwalk Public Library	779
Norwich	Otis Library	750
"	Probate Office	760
Plainfield	" "	766
Plainville	Public Library	781
Plymouth	Terryville Public Library	782
Pomfret	Public Library	756
Putnam	Free Public Library	784
Ridgefield	Public Library	780
Salem	Probate Office	758
Salisbury	Scoville Library	717
Saybrook	Acton Library	729
"	Probate Office	769
Sharon	Public Library	778
Simsbury	Probate Office	726
Southington	" "	725
South Windsor	Free Public Library	787
Stafford	Probate Office	791
Stamford	Ferguson Library	730
Stonington	Public Library	728
"	Probate Office	736
Stratford	" "	788
Suffield	" "	731
Thomaston	Public Library	789
Tolland	Probate Office	790
Torrington	Public Library	732
Vernon	Rockville (Maxwell) Library	792
Wallingford	Public Library	734

Waterbury	Probate Office	735
West Hartford	Free Library	794
Wethersfield	Public Library	707
Willington	Town Clerk's Office	719
Winchester	Winsted (Beardsley) Library	738
Windham	Probate Office	737
"	Willimantic Public Library	762
Windsor	Probate Office	795
"	Public Library	704
Woodbury	"	739

Each set was accompanied by the following letter:

Hartford, October 1, 1906.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in sending by prepaid express a set of Manwaring's Early Connecticut Probate Records, Volumes 1-3, Hartford District, 1635-1750. This set (No.....) has been purchased by the State of Connecticut under the provisions of a special act passed by the General Assembly of 1905, and sent to your office for the convenience of the public and to assist in saving the original records.

In order that you may be certain that the volumes are complete do not fail to have the leaves cut and examined page by page at once, as you are entitled to perfect volumes. Imperfect volumes, if any are found, should be returned to the Connecticut State Library on or before November first.

PORTRAITS AND STATUES.

In the appendix of my report for 1903, lists were given of the several portraits, pictures, statues, and memorials in and about the Capitol, together with their several inscriptions. These lists, which were more extensive than first planned and whose preparation required far more time than anticipated, were intended to call attention to the several portraits now possessed by the state and to those still needed to complete the several lines. They included chronological lists of the following:

Governors, 1639-1904.
 Lieutenant-Governors, 1639-1904,
 Secretaries, 1639-1904,
 Treasurers, 1639-1904,
 Comptrollers, 1786-1904,
 Speakers, 1776-1904,
 Chief Justices, 1711-1904,

Quartermaster-Generals, 1782-1904,
 Delegates to Continental Congress, 1774-1778,
 United States Senators, 1789-1904,
 United States Representatives, 1789-1904,
 Miscellaneous Portraits, Statues, and Tablets.

Since the compilation of those lists the following portraits have been added:

Rollin S. Woodruff, New Haven. Lieutenant-Governor, 1905-1907.
 Oil portrait by Herman Sodersten, New Haven, 1906.
 Henry H. Gallup, Norwich. Treasurer, 1901-1905.
 Jesse Olney, Stratford. Comptroller, 1867-69.
 James W. Manning, Putnam. Comptroller, 1869-70, 1871-73.
 Alfred R. Goodrich, Vernon. Comptroller, 1873-77.
 Chauncey Howard, South Coventry. Comptroller, 1879-81.
 William E. Seeley, Bridgeport. Comptroller, 1903-05.
 Asahel W. Mitchell, Woodbury. Comptroller, 1905-07.
 Frank B. Brandegee, New London. Speaker, 1899.
 Henry C. Morgan, Colchester. Assistant Quartermaster-General, 1881-82, 1887-92, 1897-98, 1901-06.

Under the direction of the Commission of Sculpture, two marble statues are to be placed upon the north front of the Capitol, viz.:

John Haynes, Hartford. Governor, 1639, '41, '43, '45, '47, '49, '51, '53. Lieutenant-Governor, 1640, '44, '46, '50, '52. Richard E. Brooks, Sculptor. (See reproduction of photograph signed and presented by the sculptor.)

John Winthrop, New London. Governor, 1657, 1659-1676. Paul Wayland Bartlett, Sculptor, Paris. (See reproduction of photograph signed and presented by the sculptor.) Mr. Bartlett, who is a native of New Haven, has executed a design in plaster for the sculptural decoration of the north front of the Capitol.

A bronze statue of Governor Winthrop by Bela L. Pratt was also unveiled in New London, May 6, 1905.

During the past summer Stuart's Portrait of Washington has been transferred to a new canvas by James Oliver's Sons of Boston. Through this process, Comptroller Mitchell has insured the permanency to the state of this most valuable portrait of Washington. Owing to the nature of the old canvas the paint was beginning to flake.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE LIBRARIES

I feel it my duty and a privilege to here acknowledge the help and inspiration I have received at the several meetings of the National Association of State Libraries. The papers read, the reports presented, the accompanying discussions,

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Sixth Governor of Connecticut,

PAUL WAYLAND BARTLETT, Sculptor,

Paris, 1906.

When the statue of John Winthrop was erected in 1880, it was the first of its kind in the city of Boston. (See report upon or picture of the statue in the report of the City of Boston, 1880, p. 101.) Mr. Bartlett, who is a native of Boston, has been selected as the sculptor for the statue of John Winthrop.

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the mutual exchange of ideas and good fellowship at these gatherings, all have strengthened and encouraged me in my work, and in my dealings with the several state libraries.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY

Realizing that the State Library should be of ready assistance to the General Assembly and its several committees in giving information along lines of proposed legislation, efforts have been made to collect material along the lines indicated in the party platforms and suggested by our legislative journals and popular discussions.

All state libraries were originally intended to be legislative reference libraries as well as departmental and general reference libraries. Our system of interstate and international exchange was inaugurated for that purpose and has been developed along these lines. As early as April 22, 1777, Congress evidently had this feature in mind when it passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, that it be recommended to the several States, to order their statute laws, and the additions that may be made thereto, to be sent to Congress, and to each of the States, together with all discoveries and improvements in the arts of war made in such States respectively."

As the number of states increased and the number of their several official publications multiplied, it became more and more difficult to obtain and keep available even the more important of these publications, so essential in framing new legislation.

It was, therefore, with pleasure that I recently received the following letter from Robert H. Whitten, Sociology Librarian of the New York State Library, whose work as editor of the New York State Library Bulletins upon Legislation insures a prompt and intelligent service along the proposed lines:

"Dear Mr. Godard:

The Index Bureau is the direct outgrowth of the need which I have felt in common with other legislative reference librarians for information relating to current legislation in all the states. Each year the same subjects are being considered at the same time by the legislatures of a number of states. Bills are drafted

and arguments made that would be extremely helpful if available in other states where the same subject is being considered. My own experience is that no information is so valuable or so fully appreciated by legislatures. Such information, too, though it may not be needed in a particular state in a given year, will almost certainly prove the very thing needed in some subsequent year when the subject comes up for consideration.

I at first hoped the work of organizing this material could be undertaken by the New York State Library, but on investigation, found that it was much too prodigious a task for one library to undertake. The only way that seemed practical was to organize the work in such a way as to render it available for use by state libraries, periodicals and others interested in state legislation, charging a sufficient fee for the service to provide for the expenses of the undertaking.

Judging from my own experience and from conversation with other librarians the material most needed for legislative reference work is as follows:

- (1) Important bills of all the states, i. e. bills that are likely to be helpful in drafting similar bills.
- (2) Newspaper clippings of committee hearings and of discussion in the Legislature; also extracts from the regular and special messages of the governors.

Our solution in regard to bills is to send cards (samples of which are enclosed) announcing promptly the introduction of the bill, its passage by House or Senate, and its signature or veto by the Governor. The card besides giving briefly the subject of the bill, gives the name of the introducer and date of introduction, so that in case a copy of the bill is wanted it can be obtained on application to the introducer or to the State Librarian.

For reports of committee hearings and other discussion we propose to clip one or two of the newspapers in each state furnishing the best reports of legislative proceedings. Permit me to suggest that this service in practical value and efficiency should not be lightly classed with any clipping service with which you are probably familiar. It will be complete, intelligent and discriminating. We will also furnish extracts from the messages of the governors on any subject.

We will supply this service at the rate of \$10 per 100 cards or clippings (\$10 being the minimum charge). Your order may cover any specific subject or subjects and may include both cards and clippings, cards or clippings only, cards relating only to introduction or to final passage or any combination that best meets your special needs.

Certain specific topics will be under consideration in your state this winter. Our cards and clippings on similar bills in other states will be most helpful. Again, there are certain subjects which though they may not be up for consideration this year are evidently brewing and will doubtless be up the next ses-

sion or the next. Now is the time to prepare for them. There are certain questions too that are always more or less prominent in a particular state. For these our cards or clippings or both will prove most useful.

We also offer the following special service which we believe will be of great value to all state libraries interested in legislative reference.

Out of the 30,000 or 40,000 bills that will be introduced during the year in the various states there will be probably 1,000 that it will pay to have indexed or on file. Such a file kept up for a few years will become an invaluable aid in the drafting and consideration of legislation on every conceivable topic. The work of making a careful selection of the 1,000 most important bills out of a total of some 40,000 can be readily imagined. As I am personally much interested in such an undertaking I will be glad to do it provided a sufficient number of libraries would want such a service to cover the expense. The service would include a card upon the introduction of each important bill and also a card upon its final enactment, in case it reaches that stage. Probably about 1,500 card notifications would be required. On receipt of the cards, you could send and get copies of the bills if desired. Each card would have an alphabetic subject heading so that when received it could be sorted into its proper place without further trouble on your part.

We will make a special price for the above service of \$100 for the year, providing at least ten libraries subscribe for it.

I will be glad to hear from you soon, and will sincerely appreciate your criticism of the proposed plan and your comment as to its practical value.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Robt. H. Whitten."

NEW STATE LIBRARY BUILDING.

Does the Connecticut State Library need a new building? This is the question which has been before the people more or less prominently since 1900. That the State Library needs enlarged and safer apartments and better facilities to accomplish its work was granted by the General Assembly of 1901, when it made provision for the adjustable and movable metal shelving installed in 1902. The question of enlargement was further considered by the General Assembly of 1903, when it provided for the appointment of a commission to consider the question of enlarging and fireproofing the Capitol. The recommendations of this commission, which were reported to

the General Assembly of 1905, discouraged any attempt to enlarge or change our present beautiful and symmetrical building, and advised the erection of a separate building just south of the Capitol, upon the corner of Capitol avenue and Lafayette street, for the use of the State Library and Supreme Court, with the added provision for a Memorial Hall, in which the portraits and other memorials now owned by the state, and those which may be presented in the future, might be safely and properly exhibited. The General Assembly of 1905 accepted the commission's report, provided for the purchase of the selected location and for the selection and preparation of proper plans, specifications, and estimates, continuing the commission and directing it to report to the General Assembly of 1907 for final approval. This commission, composed of Hon. Morgan G. Bulkeley, Hartford; H. Wales Lines, Meriden; W. O. Burr, Hartford; Charles C. Cook, West Hartford; and L. W. Robinson, New Haven, has devoted much time and thought to the problem. It has been the pleasure of the State Librarian, at the request of the commission, to join with Justice Samuel O. Prentice of our Supreme Court in suggesting interior plans and arrangements which should meet the present and prospective requirements of the library and supreme court respectively and at the same time permit the commission and architects to develop an attractive, substantial, and well balanced building, suited to its uses, convenient for the public, a companion to our present Capitol, and a credit to our state. How well the commission and architects have succeeded is shown by the plans and elevations prepared. How well the judge and librarian have succeeded in their aims can be determined only by actual use.

The problem of the State Library must always be with us. Its growth and development always has been, and must continue to be, largely influenced and governed by the growth and development of the several departments of state inspection and supervision at home, in sister states, and abroad. It is impossible for any state to determine beforehand exactly what the lines of its state library shall be. In the early years of our country the state library was usually a miscellaneous aggre-

gation of books which had accumulated in various offices, principally in the office of the secretary of state. As the states have extended their fields of activity in administration and supervision, naturally the aggregation of books published and purchased has increased so that it has been found necessary, if the books are to be of service, to place them by themselves, under the immediate supervision of a librarian. Our State Library was officially established in 1854, when the miscellaneous collection of books which had accumulated in the office of our Secretary of State were placed in the custody of a designated librarian.

As our several states have no common standard, either of area, population, industries, or wealth, so their several state libraries have no common standards, but each is called upon to face its everchanging problems peculiar to its own surroundings. There may be found all degrees of development, from the highly organized system in New York, to the mere aggregation of books appended to the office of some state official. But however much they may vary in their fields of work, there are two functions which are considered essential in all state libraries; viz., whatever pertains to the science of government for the aid of those who are to administer government, and whatever illustrates the history, character, resources, development, and institutions of that particular state or section.

To intelligently administer government requires a clear statement of what government is. What the powers or functions of government are has been and will be determined by each age for itself. A history which is based upon the same facts is read and written by each generation and interpreted from its own point of view, and in the light of its own civilization. So constitutions also are made and interpreted and the affairs of state administered in the light of the ever present to-day. Thus, what the interpretation of our federal constitution has been, we know; what it is, we are discerning, but what it will be, we may prophesy, but we cannot now determine. So the work of interpretation and action is being enacted, not only in the federal halls of legislation and in our own, but

also in the several states of our Union, and each largely along its own lines.

Therefore, when we consider the ever increasing fields of activity in government and state administration and state supervision of industrial affairs, and appreciate the vast amount of "literature" that is of necessity being printed by all of the several departments throughout our land and sent to the several state libraries, we ought not to expect that the library rooms of 1854 will be large enough for 1879, the year we came to the new Capitol; nor ought we to expect the quarters provided in 1879 to meet the requirements of 1907, over a quarter of a century later.

Only a glance at the list of our own state publications is necessary to show the rapidity with which our state has grown along its several lines during the last half century. In 1854 Connecticut was publishing only twelve departmental reports; in 1879, twenty-five, and in 1907, fifty-one, besides three or four specials. Moreover, a glance at the more recent departmental publications to be found in the several state libraries shows that they are not confined to the mere statement of routine business of their own offices, but they are often classics in their several lines. In many instances these several publications represent long years of preparation. This is especially true of books published by the United States government which are beginning to be appreciated.

While Connecticut has been pushing forward in the number of her official publications, legal and departmental, the other states have been doing the same and many more of them even more so. It is therefore no longer feasible for small libraries to attempt to keep up, and the state library finds itself placed between this sea of publications and the individual, and must meet the demand. As already stated, the official courtesy between the states has required that each state send its official publications to the others for the use of the people of said sister states and for the use of its own citizens who may be in that section. So we find that our several state libraries are along certain lines maintained by this exchange, which re-

To all to whom these presents shall come, I, Governor of Hartford Treasurer
 to the Colony of Connecticut in New England send greeting. These are to desire
 you and every of you that shall hereafter occasion to deal wth John Winthrop
 Esq^r, or his assigns, for moneys not exceeding five hundred pounds, as
 he shall thus occasion. Repaying him or their bills of exchange for the hundred
 drawn on me the above said John Winthrop, due taking from the 10th of July
 when the said Esq^r or his assigns, at true copy of this present order. At test
 under the seal of their own hands: And I do hereby in the behalf of the
 Colony of Connecticut covenant and promise, that all such persons or persons and
 every of them severally, that all such bills of exchange shall be duly satisfied
 and paid, according to the terms of them, by once I say John Winthrop or my
 assigns, and on default of such payment, that then if my self or my assigns
 of the foresaid Colony, shall be sold satisfie and pay into such sufficient
 and every of them severally, all such demands and I as shall draw out
 them, or as they shall suffer by reason of the nonpayment of a sayd order
 bills: for which whereof I have bounden sett my hand and make this sixtenty
 of June in the year of a lord one thousand six hundred sixty and one

Signed sealed and Delivered
 in the presence of:

Sam^l W^m W^m
 Richard Lord, sen
 John Hamlin

John Tallcott Secy

quires that such books be properly catalogued, maintained, and kept accessible.

While the official publications of the United States and the several states have been increasing, those items dealing with the history, character, resources, and development of our own state, its institutions and families, have also appeared with astonishing rapidity, and many others either are in preparation or soon will be.

Since this aggregation of books, records, and papers, therefore, here at the Capitol are the sources from which many of the books of tomorrow are to come, suitable provision should be made for their safety and for the accommodation of those engaged in study and research.

As already stated in a former report, the books of the State Library are now shelved in several different rooms, and while arranged in order are not accessible as they ought to be, being on five different floors. Moreover, our main library room, although large, beautiful, and conveniently arranged, is of necessity more or less noisy and has no rooms or apartments to which one may retire for study and work. Neither has it any large vaults such as a library of this character needs. If the State Library is to remain in its present quarters, additional shelving will have to be provided both in the main room and in other rooms to be used in connection with it.

It has been my thought and hope that some provision might be made by the General Assembly of 1907 whereby all the books of the library could be brought together, where the several portraits and paintings could be properly and safely hung, where regularly constructed vaults for invaluable records and papers might be accessible, and where rooms or special apartments for study could be provided and proper provision made for the development and work of our State Library.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot bring this report to a close without again expressing my thanks to those who have had occasion to consult the State Library for their kind consideration and assistance and to the several officials in the Capitol and to the

large number of friends I have found in all parts of the state, who by their personal effort and practical interest in the State Library have made so much of our work a pleasure which might easily have been a burden. Our thanks are also due to our senators and representatives in Congress who have furnished many items of value and been ever ready to render any assistance called for. The future, with its opportunities, responsibilities, and demands, is before us. While much has been accomplished, there is much more to be done.

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*To His Excellency, ROLLIN S. WOODRUFF, Governor of the
State of Connecticut:*

In accordance with the requirements of the statute I have the honor to here present my second report as Temporary Examiner of Public Records.

The work of this office has been carried forward for the present term on the same lines as laid down in my first report. The action of the General Assembly in approving legislation asked for, which had a tendency to improve the conditions under which protection from fire was afforded, satisfied me that insistence on strict compliance with legal requirements would best carry out the ideas which led to the creation of this office. I have therefore unhesitatingly required that, so far as possible, all old and doubtful safes should be replaced by new and modern fireproof safes of a standard make. Many new safes have been purchased, but there are still in use in many towns safes used for the protection of valuable books and papers which are utterly useless for the purpose. Wherever possible I have induced the authorities to discard safes and build fireproof vaults. In quite a number of small towns this has been done. Burlington has erected an office building with a good brick vault. Washington has built a vault of modern concrete construction, which I consider a model for its size. Berlin, Westbrook, Redding, and other towns either have taken or are considering such a course.

It necessarily happens that at times there is a variance of opinion between the town authorities and the Examiner as to the necessity of a new safe, and it has at times perhaps seemed that the old safe would go for a little while longer. If those officers could have seen the results of two fires which have occurred in Connecticut during the year 1906, each resulting in the total destruction of buildings containing safes used for public records, I am certain that they would be satisfied that I am right in insisting that no chance shall be taken, and that in all doubtful cases the only safe thing to do is to ensure safety as far as is possible. Among the towns which have

purchased new safes within the last two years are Woodstock, Hartland, Franklin, Voluntown, Putnam, Ledyard, Harwinton, Colebrook, Thompson, Marlborough, Brooklyn, Montville, East Granby (two), Granby (three), Scotland, Bozrah, Avon, East Haddam, Chaplin, Canterbury, Easton, Chester, Stonington, Waterford, Bethany, Bethlehem, Sherman, and Newington.

In January, 1906, the office of the probate judge for the district of East Haddam was destroyed by fire. The safe in use was an old one, which fortunately fell face down in a bed of ashes, thus sealing the door. None of the records were destroyed, but every book had to be rebound. In February the house of the town clerk of Easton was destroyed by fire. The town records were in two old safes which were subjected to a considerable degree of heat, but removed before the floor gave way. The backs of all of the books were burned off, necessitating rebinding.

An important element which enters into the consideration of the value of the safe, and one often lost sight of, is the place in which the safe is to stand. A safe good enough under certain conditions is utterly useless under others. In some instances safes stand on concrete or stone foundations in one-story buildings. Should the building burn, the danger from heat would not be nearly so great as if the same safe were so situated that it must necessarily fall with the floor to the cellar, there to remain in a bed of hot coals until the fire burned out. So important do I consider this matter that I venture to quote from the report of the Record Commissioner of the State of Massachusetts, for the year 1906, an article copied from the "Manufacturers' Record" of April 28, 1904, entitled "Behavior of Fireproof Vaults and Safes in Great Fires." The author is George L. Damon, a well-known expert, who has made a study of the effects of great fires on fireproof receptacles. This article was written soon after the Baltimore fire of 1904, and in part is as follows:

"We have two classes of fireproof, or professedly fireproof, repositories to consider, viz., vaults and safes: the former fixed in position and surrounded by special walls of non-conducting and indestructible material; the latter mostly of small or moderate size, movable, and protected by accessory enclosing walls. It is evident

that these two classes of structures are not upon an equal footing in the face of extreme heat, and it was to be expected that property would be much more secure in vaults than in safes. The feature of the case which is unintelligible to the losers is the degree of disparity. After extensive conflagrations one hears expressions of surprise and disappointment that the loss of 'fireproof' safes should have been so heavy. This is a condition which could have been foretold by any one conversant with present methods of construction and with the results of former great fires. It is a condition for which the buying public rather than the manufacturer—at least than the reputable manufacturer—is responsible.

"Of vaults we may distinguish those of banks and trust companies and those of mercantile houses. The contents of the twenty-two burned national and savings banks and trust companies' vaults at Baltimore were in every instance found to be in perfect condition. The successful resistance opposed by these vaults to the onslaughts of tremendous heat at once gives a high value to the principles of construction embodied. A majority of vaults were of comparatively recent erection. They were variously located. A few were in basements, others were on first and still others on second floors. In each case the fireproof protection was of surrounding walls built up solidly of hard brick laid in cement, and free from built-in ironwork. The average thickness of walls was about sixteen inches. All these vaults were on brick foundations built up from cellar bottoms.

"Several of the vaults were unfavorably situated, and were subjected to a heat hardly imaginable. Yet the temperature of the interior must have been moderate. In one of these cases the maximum temperature which arose may be approximately estimated from a singular incident. A wax candle had been left standing upon a safe in the vault. During the progress of the fire the candle was bent over of its own weight, until, without actually melting, it rested in the pan of the holder. As the melting point of fairly hard paraffine is in the vicinity of 130° F., we may conclude that the temperature inside the vault during the hottest of the fire fell a few degrees short of this point. It may have been between 100° and 120°.

"It should be unnecessary at this late day to call attention again to the error of including iron rods or iron rails imbedded in vault walls with the intention of adding strength, or enclosing fireproof materials between iron plates with connecting partitions of beams or channel iron. But, unfortunately, the practice has not been altogether abandoned. It is evident that, since iron, brick, and cement expand at different rates on being heated, and iron much the more rapidly, such addition to the brick or cement work must be a source of weakness, and is always dangerous. The effects of such combination were strikingly exhibited in the Boston fire of 1872, by the vault of the Shawmut Bank, in which large seams were opened up by the expanding ironwork, and the safety of the vault was greatly imperiled.

"An example teaching the need of unremitting watchfulness and skilled oversight in vault construction was afforded by the loss of a bank vault in one of the buildings examined. When the wall was being built a thoughtless mason failed to remove a piece of scantling placed by a carpenter when constructing balcony floor. As the building burned, the fire followed through this piece of wood into the vault, and ultimately the entire contents were destroyed.

"The vaults of mercantile houses in Baltimore were of varying construction and quality. Many of them kept their contents intact. But there were also many losses. Constructive errors to which failures may be laid were of four kinds: (1) insecure foundations; (2) faulty and cheaply constructed doors and poor bolt work; (3) improper attachment of doors to masonry; (4) connection of vault walls with building walls, which fell and carried them down. The result of the defect in the first class was the tumbling of vaults; and in the second and third classes of defects was the warping of the doors out of place and the consequent ingress of heat and fire.

"Turning now to portable safes, the statistics are not yet complete enough to show the percentage of loss. In the Boston fire careful computation showed that sixty-eight per cent. of safes were destroyed. The writer is of the opinion, based on personal observation and comparison in the two cases, that the proportionate loss at Baltimore will prove to have been as great as it was in Boston, or even greater. In truth, by far the larger number of the safes upon which the merchants of Baltimore were relying on the evening of February 6, for the safe keeping of valuables, books, and business papers, etc., representing oftentimes a great part of their fortunes, were in no sense fireproof. Heat penetrated their casings. The wooden linings caught fire, and with books and papers were reduced to a handful of ashes and charred fragments. Heat went into these safes sufficiently to destroy even jewelry, though not actually to melt the metal parts, so far as the writer observed.

"In view of these facts, the interested public will ask whether it is possible to make, at a moderate cost, safes, *i. e.*, iron and steel receptacles, of suitable size, weight and portability, which will be proof against the terrific heat of such conflagrations. And if this question is answered in the affirmative, it will further be inquired why such safes are so generally replaced by an inferior article.

"To answer the latter question first: The vast majority of safes now in use throughout the United States as 'fireproof' are not so in reality when subjected to extremely severe tests, because the demand of the public has steadily been for cheapening prices. This is an entirely natural state of things. To this demand the manufacturers, in the stress of sharp competition, have been obliged to yield. Obviously this hurts the maker as well as the buyer, for no craft can profit in the long run from the deterioration of its product. The remedy lies, first of all, with the better class of business con-

cerns, whose intelligence and means should command adequate protection in safe construction.

"That safes may be made moderate in size and in cost, and yet able to stand against the hottest fires, excepting only where the entire exterior shell is melted, has been demonstrated. The results have been shown by exhaustive experiments, as well as by actual experience. These results may be explained by well-known laws of the science of physics.

"The writer has in mind two safes of special construction, as hereinafter described, which went through the Boston fire. The condition of their exteriors showed that they had been raised to a very high degree of temperature. The external plates were much warped and partially consumed, burned-off corners and gaping seams testifying to the intensity of the heat. The safes were in truth thoroughly tried by the flames. When they were opened, however, their contents were found to be perfectly preserved.

"The outcome of certain experiments performed a number of years ago, of which the writer had cognizance, was hardly less convincing. Tests were made upon a number of small safes (about one foot cubic each), with various fireproof wall-filling materials, in reverberatory furnaces. Internal temperatures during heating were taken by self-registering thermometers, and combustible materials were enclosed. Temperatures approaching the melting point of iron were used. Lesser temperatures succeeding the maximum were continued for many hours. At the end of the tests, the wood, parchment, etc., held by certain of the safes were found to be quite fresh and unchanged.

"Without entering too much into details, these results may be accounted for on scientific principles. The safes which successfully passed the ordeal had a wall-filling of composition containing a high percentage of water in combination, held in stable position interstitially. As the heat penetrated this layer, it converted the water evenly and gradually to steam. Change from liquid to gaseous form is attended by the conversion of heat into mechanical separation of the water particles, and a very large amount of heat is in this way rendered 'latent.' As long as conversion to steam is going on, the temperature does not rise. The water content of the filling thus retards the progress of the heat through the walls of the safe, and so protects the box at the center. It will be seen, therefore, that protection is secured not to any great extent by the interposition of non-conducting material, but by the 'absorption' of heat in converting liquid water into vapor. There is no other method of construction known to the writer upon which reliance can be placed. The safes referred to above as passing successfully through the Boston fire were constructed in accordance with this principle, and those which failed in such numbers in the recent Baltimore fire most assuredly were not so constructed.

"The cost of such really fireproof safes is in the neighborhood

of thirty per cent. above that of the average safe sold today as fire-proof. In the light of recent events, purchasers should decide whether they can or cannot afford to pay this added fraction, requiring, in return, proved and amply certified protective work. The lessons of disastrous experience, so often and so lately repeated, should not be lost.

"It is to be hoped that any professional men using the portable style of safes will, through their willingness to pay a proper increase in price, not only encourage, but insist upon, the incorporation of reliable and essential fireproofing elements not only as regards the wall-filling materials, but the proper strength and construction of the steel shells and doors."

It is evident, therefore, that a safe once subjected to great heat is of no value as a means of protection from fire for its contents. Such safes, I am sorry to say, are still in use, against my protest and urgent demand for a new safe.

Occasionally I find that the official in charge of records has a habit of leaving his safe unlocked for convenience in opening, and in one instance the safe had a notice that the safe was unlocked, hanging on the door. The danger here is that the bolts may be thrown back in falling, in case of fire, and the door fall open, resulting in the total destruction of the records.

Never purchase a safe because it is cheap, and, more important than all, do not buy a second-hand safe without having it thoroughly examined by someone competent to give an opinion as to its value for the purpose to which it is to be put.

RECORDS.

In the condition of the records which come under my supervision I am glad to report that a marked improvement has taken place. While it could not be expected that all of the records in need of repairs would be put in proper condition in the few years since the work of systematic inspection and supervision was undertaken, still in many towns, by repairs and rebinding, books which were almost inaccessible, on account of their condition, are now in a good state of repair and open to the inspection of the public. All this has not been accomplished without much urgency on the part of the Examiner and hesitancy on the part of the town officials, but in no in-

stance have I known of dissatisfaction with the result, and in many cases a promise has been made that further work would be done. The work of repairs in some instances has brought to light records which were supposed to be missing.

In Windsor the earliest records of the town, known as "The Town Acts," were turned over to the Emery Record Preserving Company for repairs. These records dated back to 1652 and consisted of three small books. Some years of the records were supposed to be missing and the books were in a very bad condition, dirty and ragged. After these books were taken apart, cleaned and ironed out so as to render them legible, the missing years were discovered to be in one of the books, concerning the value of which there had been some doubt, and today the town records of Windsor, rich in historical value, are complete from 1652 to the present time.

In the office of the Town Clerk of New London, very recently, in making an examination of an old book which had been wrapped up and laid aside, the discovery was made that it was evidently a record of conveyances of land, and careful examination disclosed, tucked away among the pages, a fly leaf marked "The Antientest Book of Records of New London." The land records of New London, as catalogued in my former report, begin with 1654, and the town records date back to 1647, so that I had been satisfied that at least one volume of land records was missing. The discovery of this volume will carry the land records back to 1647. At the same time another bundle of records came to light, which are evidently a portion of the earliest Proprietors' records. The only Proprietors' records heretofore known of, being those scattered through the land record books now numbered 1 and 2, but evidently not the earliest records of the original Proprietors. The old book of land records above referred to is now in the possession of the Emery Company for repairs.

In making an examination of certain old books in the office of the town clerk of Winchester, an old pamphlet of some ten or twelve pages was found hidden away in one of the books. A careful examination of this pamphlet disclosed that it was the original official layout of highways in the town of Winchester, containing the layout of a certain highway

which was, at the time the discovery was made, the subject of litigation.

The old town records of Killingworth, dating back to 1685, which were found by your Examiner of Records, have since been repaired by the Emery Record Company, and are now in perfect condition.

A list of the towns which have had repairs made by the Emery silk process may give some idea of the scope of the work being done in renovating and repairing these records, and this work, without egotism, I can honestly say is largely due to the urgent appeals of the Examiner.

Since January 1, 1905, the following towns have had books repaired by the silk process by the Emery Company, viz.: Killingworth, Wallingford, Torrington, New Haven, Windsor, Windham, Tolland, Winchester, Pomfret, Greenwich, Stonington, Brooklyn, Bolton, Redding, Farmington, Mansfield, Stratford, New London, Fairfield, and Lebanon; also the probate districts of Stafford, New Haven, and Hartford.

COPIES OF RECORDS.

The statute of 1905 provides that custodians of public records shall cause copies to be made of all records in their charge which are becoming indistinct, and makes provision for using such copies in place of the original. Such use makes it imperative that copies made under the authority of this statute should be exact copies, or else it is manifest that they are useless. Under no circumstances should a change be made in the spelling of a word. On account of the danger which I recognized in having copies of important records made by persons not entirely familiar with the necessity of absolutely following all the apparent inconsistencies and peculiarities of the original, I have hesitated to recommend much work in copying old records. I believe that the life of the original should be prolonged by repairs and then, when the services of a person having the necessary expert knowledge of the work can be procured, I shall ask that the work of transcribing commence. Considerable work of this nature needs to be done, and it can be most economically accomplished by the engagement of some one person having the necessary

qualifications to carry the work on until it is finished. The expense in this way will be lessened to the towns and much more satisfactory work done. I am especially moved to make this suggestion from the fact that in a letter from a town clerk who has in his custody some very old records the question was asked, "Whether, in making copies, manifest errors in spelling proper names should be corrected." My answer to this was necessarily that all copies must follow the original, letter for letter.

The matter of double dating in many of our old records has also been a subject of much perplexity to those not familiar with it, and as it was one of the subjects concerning which inquiry was made in the letter above referred to, I will here incorporate in this report a brief explanation that may possibly assist in establishing the true date where a double year date appears. The subject has been repeatedly referred to in the yearly reports of Mr. Robert T. Swan, commissioner of public records for the state of Massachusetts, and a circular issued from his office and republished in his report for the year 1901 sets the matter forth so clearly that I venture to quote the circular at length.

"To whom it may concern:

"It is evident that there has been much ignorance upon the subject of dates among persons having the custody of ancient records, and of others who have copied, bound, or consulted them. Many serious errors have resulted, especially where copyists have undertaken to correct what they thought to be errors, or to solve doubts. Many town histories contain wrong dates, especially concerning legislation.

"To prevent, as far as possible, further errors, it has seemed well to place the following statement before the recording officers, although it will reach many familiar with the subject:

"Until 1752, when Parliament fixed January 1 as the commencement of the legal year, it commenced with March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation), and the custom was quite general of calling a month by its number rather than its name. The months were numbered as follows:

March,	.	.	.	1	September,	.	.	.	7
April,	.	.	.	2	October,	.	.	.	8
May,	.	.	.	3	November,	.	.	.	9
June,	.	.	.	4	December,	.	.	.	10
July,	.	.	.	5	January,	.	.	.	11
August,	.	.	.	6	February,	.	.	.	12

Under this plan the following forms of entry were common: 10, 7th mo. 1641; 10; 7; 1641; 10, 7ber, 1641—meaning Sept. 10, 1641.

"The legal year, until and including 1751, commenced with March 25; the year 1752 with January 1. Prior to 1752, as the legal year did not terminate until March 24, it was often the custom to continue the figures belonging to the months of the chronological year from March 25 to December 31 inclusive, through January, February, and March, to the 25th, of the next legal year. To illustrate: Following the date Dec. 31, 1641, will be found entries in regular succession dated January, 1641, February, 1641, and March, to the 25th, 1641. Consequently, to determine the correct historical or chronological date in January, February, or March, prior to 1752, it is necessary to look back to the preceding December or forward to the following April. (The marriage of parents has been recorded in April of a certain year, and the birth of a child in March of the same legal year, which really occurred in March of the next chronological year. In the original record the chronological arrangement discloses the true dates, whereas, if the dates are copied without reference to arrangement or without knowledge of method of dating, it makes a serious error.)

"A more general custom, however, was to double-date in January, February, and March, to the 25th, and the following forms of dating will be found: 1641-1642; 1641-42; 16 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 1641/42; 1641-2; 1641 $\frac{1}{2}$; 164 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 164 1/2.

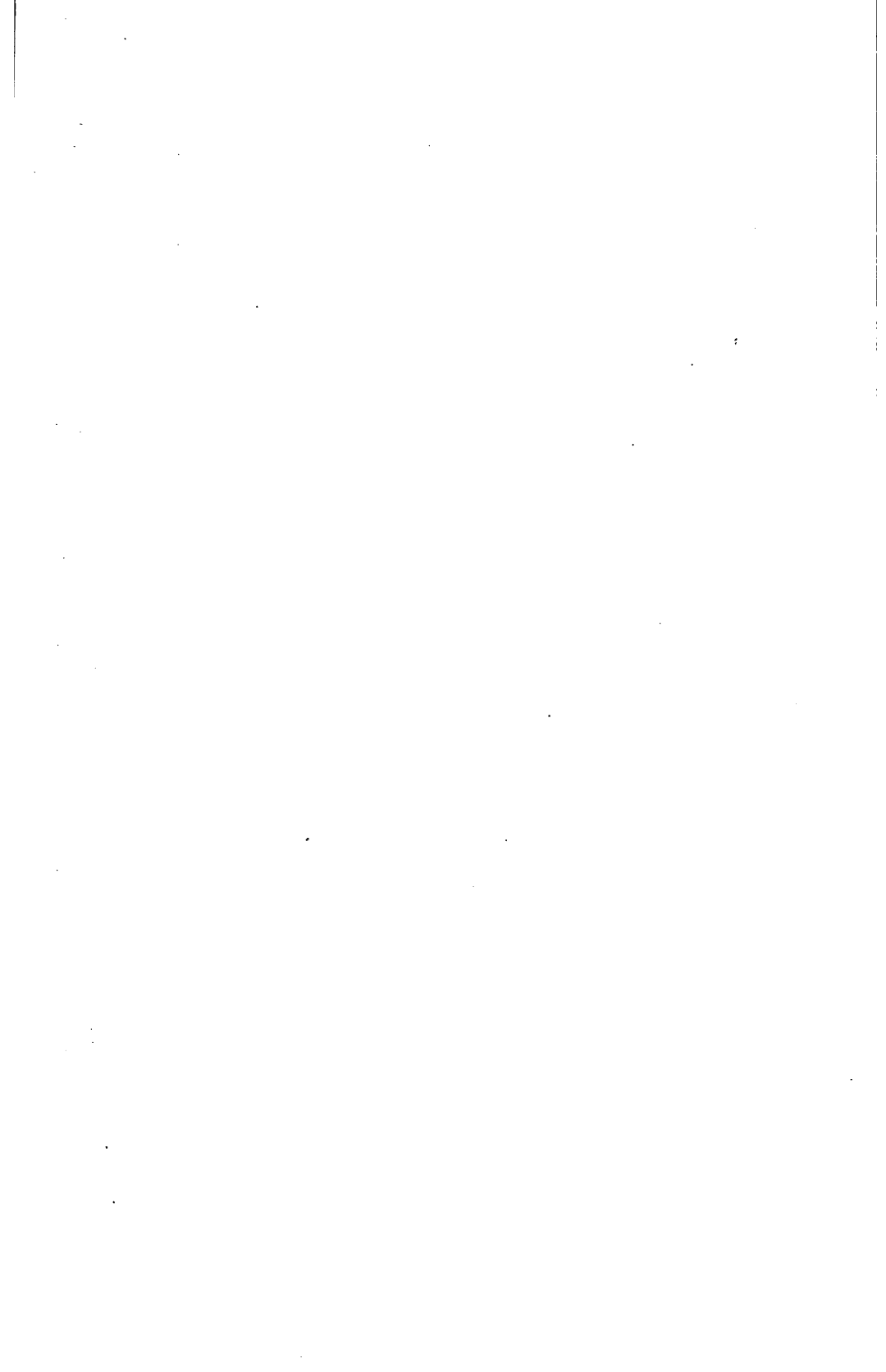
"In all these cases the last date is the correct historical one.

"There should properly be no double dates after Jan. 1, 1752, though some recording officers ignorantly continued them."

BINDINGS.

In many record offices the bindings of the books are rapidly deteriorating and in some instances large numbers of the books are in need of repairs. So serious has this matter of proper material for binding become that I have devoted some portion of my time to an investigation of this matter. The condition in which I found sheepskin binding of but a few years' use satisfied me that under the present methods of tannage, sheepskin is no longer a suitable material for binding books. This conclusion, I find by investigation, has also been arrived at by others, both in this country and in England. In the midst of my investigations occurred the fire at East Haddam, followed by the one at Easton. I visited each of these places at once and in each instance found that heat had utterly destroyed the leather bindings, while canvas was uninjured. At East Haddam one book had a loose canvas cover over a







sheepskin binding with American Russia bands and corners, the usual style of binding large record books. I found the canvas cover uninjured, but on removing it the leather under it was totally destroyed. I caused photographs to be made of this book, copies of which, in half tone, are here presented.

As a result of the above investigations I caused a circular letter to be sent to every custodian of public records in this state, the contents of which so fully present my opinion on this subject, which I believe to be of vital importance, that it is here reproduced.

Dear Sir:

As a keeper of public records I would call your attention to the necessity of a careful consideration of the material to be used for binding your record books. Up to the present time it has been the custom to bind all record books in sheepskin with American Russia trimmings. In a few places these are covered with loose canvas covers to prevent wear. Experience in this and other states has shown that sheepskin does not stand heat to any extent, and American Russia seems to be, in this respect, in the same class with sheepskin. Repeated instances have occurred where books bound in sheep and Russia have gone through fire in fireproof safes without injury to the manuscript or paper portion of the book, but the sheepskin or leather of the binding was completely destroyed. In the recent fire at Moodus, Connecticut, which destroyed the probate office, most, if not all, of the books in the office were bound in sheepskin with Russia trimmings, and the bindings of all the books contained in the probate safe were completely destroyed. The binder's board which furnished the base of the cover was uninjured. In two or three instances there were loose canvas covers over the leather covers, and this canvas was practically uninjured, while the leather under the canvas was burned to a crisp. The results of this fire have convinced me of what I was before satisfied to be the case, namely: that, as a material for binding, leather ought to be absolutely given up and either canvas or moleskin substituted. The ideal binding in my opinion would be moleskin or beaverine, as it is sometimes called, which is a cotton fabric with a smooth finish about the color of the skin of a ground mole, with a loose canvas cover to slip over the same to take the wear while the book is in active use. For rebinding, I should not recommend the loose canvas cover, as the use of it would entail an additional cost of about \$1.50, but I think for books in actual use the canvas cover is worth what it costs. I hope you will take this matter into consideration when you have occasion to order new books or send any of your present books for rebinding, as I believe the discontinuance of the use of leather will add to the life of your books.

In addition to leather's susceptibility to fire, I would also note that the life of sheepskin is very short. In most of our public libraries the use of leather has been discontinued for that reason. In England some years ago exhaustive investigation was made into the question of bindings, and the unanimous opinion of the committee in its report to the British Parliament was that the use of sheepskin should be discontinued, and that for a substantial binding which would stand the wear and tear of active service canvas was the best substance that could be found at any reasonable price.

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Certain departments of our state government have recognized the importance of this question and have discontinued the use of sheepskin for binding purposes, and in view of the positive tests above referred to I would recommend legislation forbidding the use of sheepskin for binding purposes in public record offices.

INKS AND TYPEWRITER RIBBONS.

The present method of selecting inks and typewriter ribbons for use on public records was adopted many years ago and since the first examination of the inks and ribbons the standard has been taken for granted and no further examination made. A complaint came to me under this head of the quality of one of the approved ribbons, and investigation developed the fact that a complete change had been made in the ribbon, so that it was no longer the ribbon which was formerly given the approval of the state. Further investigation brought to light the fact that other ribbons had been changed as well. In inks there is reason to believe like changes have been made, so that no safety appears in the present method of selecting either inks or typewriter ribbons. I would recommend the adoption of the following formula as a standard for ink for use on all public records where fluid ink is used. This formula is the same used in Massachusetts and also adopted by the United States Treasury Department, and is as follows:

Pure dried tannic acid, 23.4 parts by weight; crystal gallic acid, 7.7 parts; ferrous sulphate, 30 parts; gum arabic, 10 parts; dilute hydrochloric acid, 25 parts; carbolic acid, 1 part; of water sufficient to make the mixture at a temperature of 60° F. to the volume of 1,000 parts by weight of water.

This formula has been in use in Massachusetts for some years and records made with it are extremely black and show no appearance of deterioration. I have submitted the formula to a competent chemist and he has unhesitatingly pronounced it a formula which will produce a permanent, unfading ink. No ink can be expected to give the best results if a large portion is to be removed by the use of a blotting paper, and I will here emphasize what I have said before, viz., that the use of blotting paper should be discontinued and the ink allowed to dry naturally.

In this connection I recommend that a contract for the manufacture of this ink be made with a competent ink maker by the state and that only this ink be used on public records. Provision can be made for letting the contract by competitive bidding and orders for ink can be filled through the office of the official having charge of this matter without extra cost to the state.

The matter of ribbons for typewriting presents a more complex problem. The increased use of the typewriter for making records and the manifest superiority of such records, renders it necessary that great care be taken that the ribbons used be of the first quality and without fugitive colors in their pigment. To rely on one examination has been found utterly useless, and provision should be made for a frequent chemical test of every authorized make of ribbons by purchase for the purpose in open market. In one instance, at least, there has been reason to believe that an attempt was made to procure the approval of a ribbon by submitting a sample made especially for the purpose, when one of the same brand purchased in open market failed entirely of meeting the test. In my opinion if only ribbons were allowed which are made by those under whose name they are marketed and each manufacturer was compelled to place his certificate in the package, stating that the ribbon was made from the same formula as the ribbon originally tested, more reliance could be placed in the quality and brand. Add to this the frequent testing heretofore spoken of and a permanent revocation of license in case of any change in formula without notice to the proper official, and I am sure a distinct advance would be made.

That a record made with a proper record ribbon is lasting, I have no doubt. Within the past year I have seen typewritten papers made with a black record ribbon which have been exposed to the elements on a public signpost for one year and in each case the typewritten work was uninjured, but the signatures made with a fluid ink were washed out. I deem this a matter of sufficient importance to reproduce a photograph of one of these papers.

Three factors enter into the reason for the permanency of such writing, but in varying degrees. First and most important is the permanency of carbon ink. Secondly, the fact that the typebar of a writing machine by its forcible contact drives a portion of the ink into the paper more positively than can a pen. Lastly, as a rule the paper used for typewritten work is not so heavily sized and thus the ink more readily enters into the fiber of the paper and produces a more lasting impression.

PAPERS.

While this state long ago recognized the importance of the use of a permanent ink for record purposes, hitherto no action has been taken officially in regard to paper. Other states have long ago taken legislative action on the matter and I have endeavored to take advantage of investigations leading up to such action. My own investigation of old records on linen paper has convinced me that paper made of all linen in time becomes brittle and disintegrates. The addition of new cotton fiber has a tendency to remedy this fault and produce a tougher and more lasting paper. I have not been able to carry to the fullest extent some of the investigations and tests in which I have been engaged, but have arrived at the point, where I do recommend the adoption of legal measures which will provide for the manufacture and use of a standard record paper and prohibit the use of any other paper for record purposes. The paper should be tested for tensile strength and no paper showing weakness below a certain fixed point or any marked variation in strength should be used.

I therefore recommend the enactment of a law providing for the manufacture and use of a standard "Connecticut

Special Town Meeting.

Special Meeting of the legal voters of the

Wadsworth will be held at the Town Hall

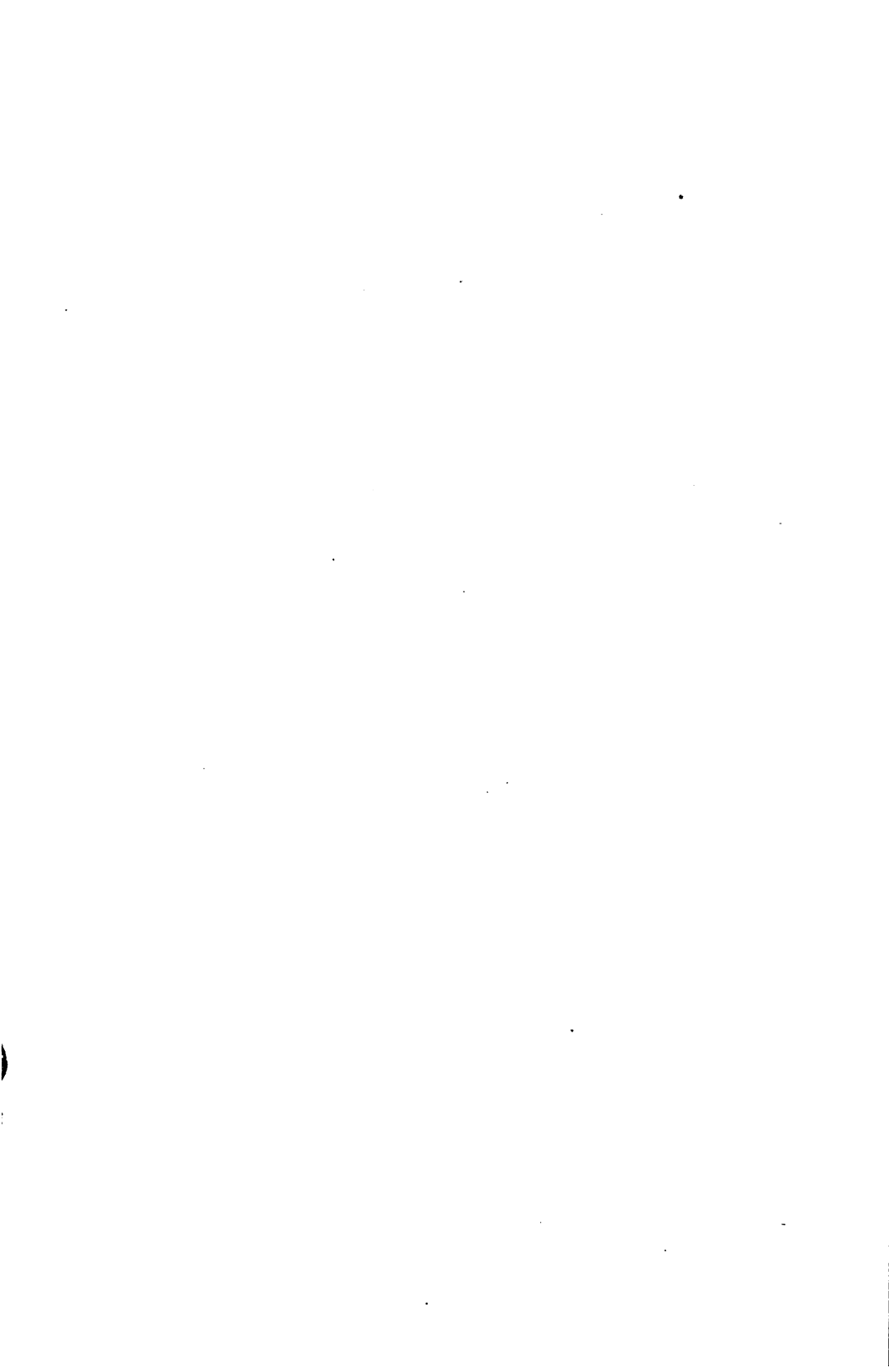
on, June 25th, inst. at 8 o'clock P.M. for

the following purpose:

1. To

open the question of making

the town a corporation



Record Paper" and bearing a distinctive water-mark, to be used for all purposes of public records in this state, and directing the Comptroller to contract for the manufacture of said standard "Connecticut Record Paper" in accordance with the formula to be supplied by the Examiner of Public Records, and to be furnished to the trade at a standard price and under the same conditions that the trade is now supplied with the standard "Comptroller's Book Paper."

INDEXES.

The lack of a uniform system of indexing public records is a handicap to the use of records which is recognized by all persons who have occasion to study them. The different methods vary with the ideas of the custodians and frequently handicap the searchers. A uniform system should be adopted by legislative action, but I do not believe it wise to make such recommendations at this time because I feel that in my own mind I am not certain that the best system would be recommended. Such a statute should provide for a system of indexing which would be easily comprehended, give at a glance all information needed to thoroughly recognize the record indexed; moreover, the work should be done under one general supervision, thus making certain that the system provided for was carefully carried out.

LEGISLATION.

In my former report a recommendation was made looking to a better method of caring for the Vital Statistics returns made to the Town Clerks. In accordance with that suggestion I caused to be introduced into the General Assembly a bill to carry into effect my suggestions, which was favorably acted upon by both branches of the Assembly and is now a part of the statute law. Laws were also passed making more definite provision for copying and repairing records, and giving to keepers of Public records power to take independent action along these lines. So far these laws have worked well and those to whom the power was given have acted conservatively, but have accomplished much work for the betterment of their records. I would again recommend that a small appropriation

be made to be expended in assisting some of the smaller towns in the work of repairs. In many of the older towns are records relating not only to the town in which they are, but in some instances to more populous and wealthier towns which have been carved out of the territory of the older town. The records have been left in the older town and their care and the repairs incident to age is somewhat of a burden. In some instances I have been informed by Town Clerks that the major part of those who examine these records are residents of other towns. These records are kept for all inhabitants of the state and a few hundred dollars judiciously expended would be an encouragement to the towns to do more in the work of repairs. Recommendations concerning legislation desired in relation to paper, bindings, ink, and typewriter ribbons I have made under those headings.

CHURCH AND PARISH RECORDS.

Appended hereto will be found a list of existing church and parish records so far as I have been able to procure information concerning them. These returns are in most instances from the church officials, but whenever the existence of other data could be discovered I have consulted it. I had hoped to be able to give a resumé of the contents of these records, as in many instances they antedate the formation of the towns and relate to the action of Ecclesiastical societies and parishes which existed by legislative authority and had many of the powers now enjoyed by the towns. Their number proved to be too great to allow me to carry out the work on such lines, and it was therefore deemed best to publish the list as it here appears.

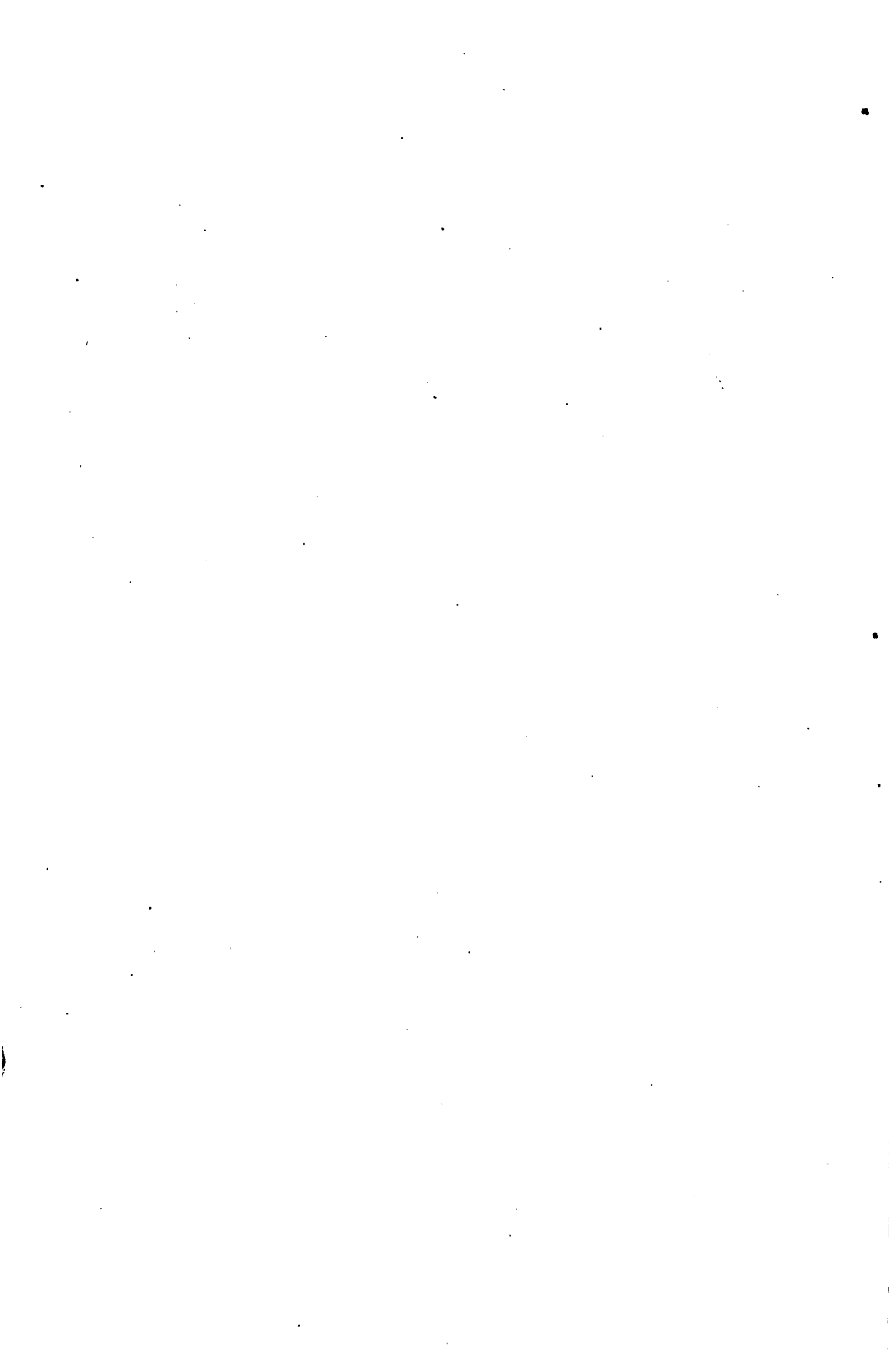
CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I would say that while in visible results more appears to have been accomplished than during the previous two years, still I am convinced that the work of those years has had a great influence on the work of the latter years. To a greater degree are not only those charged with the direct custody of records applying to me for advice and assistance, but also the Selectmen of many towns have

called me into consultation in relation to changes contemplated in safes and vaults. So fully is the importance of this work recognized that it is a pleasure to state that the visits of your Examiner of Public Records are no longer unwelcome to the Public Officials whom he calls on in the line of his duty. On the contrary his assistance is sought and his advice requested in all matters relating to the care and custody of Public Records.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. HATHAWAY,
Temporary Examiner of Public Records.



APPENDIX.

CHURCH AND PARISH RECORDS.

The information contained in the following pages was largely obtained through inquiries addressed to the officials of the various churches throughout the state. Blanks have been sent to persons supposed to have custody of records with a request that the questions therein asked be answered and the blanks returned. The following list is not complete for the reason that many ministers and clerks, even after repeated requests, failed to respond. Nearly, if not all of the older churches, those whose records are of the greatest historical value, are, however, represented and the list as presented reveals the existence of much valuable matter.

Andover.

BAPTIST.

Andover Baptist Church.¹

Church organized from Andover branch of Tolland Baptist Church, March 14, 1826. Baptist Society organized October 9, 1805.

Society records, 1805-1899.

Records of deaths of members.

¹ Andover at the time of organization was a Society, but became a town in May, 1848. The Society was dissolved and the church incorporated in February, 1899.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Andover.¹

Organized June 16, 1747.

Society records, 1747-1906.

Partial records of births, marriages, and deaths by pastors, 1829-1870.²

¹ The Society was organized in 1747 in a locality including parts of Coventry and Hebron. The town was organized in 1848 on lines corresponding to the boundary lines of the Society. The early records of the people of this parish are to be found among the Town Records of Coventry and Hebron.

² A volume published by Mrs. Susan Dimmock gives records of births, marriages, and deaths of the parish of Andover, as found in the Coventry Town Records.

Ansonia.

BAPTIST.

Macedonian Baptist Church.

Organized May 5, 1890.

No records.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Ansonia Congregational Church.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Ansonia.

Organized April 17, 1850.

German Congregational Church.
Organized 1894.
Church or Society records, 1894-1896; 1898-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church.
Organized November 29, 1849.¹
Church or Society records, 1850-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1849-1906.

¹ The town of Ansonia was set off from Derby in 1889.

Ashford.

BAPTIST.

South Center Ashford Baptist Church, Warrenville.
Organized January, 1848.
Church or Society records, none.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church, Ashford.¹
Organized 1718.
Records in possession of clerk from 1769. Earlier records lost.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
¹ Eastford has been set off from Ashford as a separate town.
Westford Congregational Society.
Organized 1768.
Records for nearly one hundred and fifty years. The first leaves of the record are missing.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Avon.

CONGREGATIONAL.

East Avon Ecclesiastical Society.¹
Organized 1818.
Records, 1818-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
¹ The town was formerly Northington, and later Farmington.

Barkhamsted.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church.
Organized 1781.
Church records, 1781-1849.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.

Berlin.¹

CONGREGATIONAL.

Kensington Ecclesiastical Society.
Organized as Kensington Congregational Society, 1754; reorganized 1774.
Society records, 1841-1906.
Church records, 1710-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, incomplete.²

¹ The name of the town was originally Farmington. In 1785 the town of Berlin was formed from parts of Farmington, Wethersfield, and Middletown. New Britain Parish or Society was formed in 1754 partly from Kensington Society. Newington and Worthington parishes were formerly included in Kensington. Records relating to the Society and records of births, marriages, and deaths are found in Farmington and New Britain records.

² There is a typewritten volume of ancient Berlin records of births, marriages, and deaths in Peck Memorial Library, Kensington.

Second Congregational Church.
 Worthington Ecclesiastical Society.
 Church organized February, 1775; Society organized October 2, 1772.
 Society records, 1772-1906.
 Few records of births, marriages, and deaths.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church, East Berlin.
 Organized March, 1864.
 Incomplete Church or Society records, 1864-1897.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, incomplete.

Bethany.¹

CONGREGATIONAL.

Bethany Parish Ecclesiastical Society.
 Organized October 12, 1763.
 Society records from 1763.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church.
 Organized November 29, 1799.
 Parish records, 1810-1906, incomplete.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, incomplete.

¹ Part of Woodbridge was set off to form Bethany.

Bethel.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The First Congregational Church of Bethel.¹
 Organized 1760.
 Society records, 1760-1906.
 Some births, marriages, and deaths recorded in church records.

¹ Bethel, formerly a part of Danbury, was incorporated in 1855.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Thomas' Protestant Episcopal Church.
 Organized as a parish in 1848; organized earlier as a mission by St. James' Church, Danbury.
 Parish records, 1847-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, in parish register.

Bethlehem.¹

CONGREGATIONAL.

Church of Christ.
 Organized 1740.
 Church records, 1740-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths in earlier records.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church.
 Organized March 30, 1807.
 Records of parish meetings fairly complete, and some records of vestry meetings, with records of organization, March 30, 1807-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1832-1867 (copied), incomplete; 1867-1906 (original), complete.²

¹ Name of town changed from Bethlem to Bethlehem.

² Any ministerial acts previous to 1832 are to be found probably in the records of St. Paul's, Woodbury; Christ Church, Watertown; or St. Michael's, Litchfield.

Bloomfield.¹**BAPTIST.**

First Baptist Church.

Organized 1786.

Church or Society records, 1810-1895; 1899-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

- ¹ Prior to 1835 Bloomfield was known as Wintonbury, taking the name from the three towns from which it was set off, namely, Windsor, Farmington, and Simsbury.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Bloomfield Ecclesiastical Society.¹

Church organized February 14, 1738.

Church records — Book 1. Records of members, births, marriages, and deaths, 1738-1790. Book 2. Records of meetings and church history, and record of births, marriages, and deaths, 1790-1836. Book 3. Record of meetings, councils, etc., to date, and statistics to 1866.

- ¹ Mr. M. F. Miller, Bloomfield, has records relating to the financial affairs of the Ecclesiastical Society, including trust funds.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Andrew's Church.

Organized as of Wintonbury, in the town of Simsbury, 1740.

Parish records, 1764-1906, with many omissions.

Records of marriages and deaths.¹

- ¹ Original manuscript records of the Rev. Roger Viets, rector of St. Andrew's from 1763 to 1776, and afterwards, in 1800, containing records of christenings, lists of confirmations, marriages, and burials, were published in Hartford in 1893. A copy of this publication is in the Connecticut Historical Society. The original manuscripts are in the possession of the family of the late Rev. Ransom Warner of North Bloomfield.

Bolton.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Bolton Congregational Society.

Date of organization not known.¹

Society records, 1760-1906.

Church records, 1725-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths; marriage records incomplete.

- ¹ The old Ecclesiastical Society was dissolved in 1902. The first records of the old Ecclesiastical Society were burned some years ago. The town began to be settled in 1717 or 1718. Rev. Jonathan Edwards preached here during some part of the year 1722, and received a call to settle. The following record is entered in his handwriting upon the town records, Nov. 11, 1723. "Upon the terms that are here recorded, I do consent to become the settled pastor of this town of Bolton."
Jonathan Edwards.

Bozrah.**BAPTIST.**

First Baptist Church.¹

Organized 1831.

Church records, 1831-1906.

- ¹ The Assembly granted the privilege of organizing a church in 1715, and at that time it was called New Concord, but they did not secure the means until 1738 or 1739, and then the church was organized as a Separatist Church. In 1785 the name was changed to Bozrah. The church continued in a weak way until the Baptist Church was organized out of the remnants in 1831.

BAPTIST.

Fitchville Baptist.
Organized 1887.
Church or Society records, 1887-1906.
Records of marriages and deaths.

Branford.**BAPTIST.**

First Baptist Church.¹
Organized 1836.
Church and Society records, 1836-1904.

¹ The Ecclesiastical Society was dissolved in 1889 and the church was incorporated.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society.
Date of organization of original church is uncertain.
Society records, June 20, 1667-1906.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

* The earlier church records, if any existed, are thought to have been taken to Newark, N. J., by the Rev. Abram Pierson, in 1666, and were lost. A new church was organized in 1688.

Church of Christ, Stony Creek.
Organized 1877.

Church records, December 24, 1876-1906.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, in church record.

¹ There are records of a Union Religious Society organized in 1866, but now defunct, in possession of Martin K. Northam.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Trinity Church.
Organized 1752. Services date from 1748.
Church or Society records, 1785-1825; 1839-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, in parish records.¹

¹ Baptisms as early as 1729. Few records are to be found in New Haven, Stratford, and Guilford. History of the Parish, by Rev. M. K. Bailey, 1887.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Tabor Church.
Organized 1888.
Church records, 1888-1906.
Records of baptisms, marriages, and burials, 1888-1906.

Bridgeport.**BAPTIST.**

First Baptist Society.
Society records, 1837-1906.
Records of marriages and deaths.

Second Baptist Ecclesiastical Society.
Organized as East Washington Avenue Baptist Society, December 13, 1873.
Church or Society records, December 13, 1873-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Messiah Baptist Church.
Organized 1888.
Record of marriages and deaths.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church in Bridgeport (formerly called Stratfield.)

Organized 1695.

Second (South) Congregational Church.

Organized January 28, 1830.

Church records, 1830-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

First Congregational Society of Black Rock.

Organized February 14, 1848.

Church records, 1848-1906.

Society records, 1848-1906.

Record of marriages and deaths.

King's Highway Chapel.

Organized 1894.

Church records, 1896-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths not complete.

Italian Calvary Congregational Church.

Organized June 23, 1902.

Church records, 1902-1906.

Records of marriages.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized June 13, 1821.

Church records, 1823-1906.¹

Records of baptisms, 1824-1848; 1851-1906.

¹ Clerk also has record of meetings held by Rev. Jesse Lee in 1789, and list of presiding elders and pastors since 1789.

Grace Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1889 or 1890.

Church or Society records, 1889-1906.

Record of marriages and deaths, 1889-1906.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First Presbyterian Church and Society.

Organized October, 1853.

Church or Society records, 1853-1906.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. John's Church.

Organized 1748.

Parish records, 1840-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1840-1906, complete.¹

¹ Possibly there are some records prior to 1800 in Christ Church, Stratford, and St. Paul's, Fairfield.

Episcopal Society of Trinity Parish.

Organized June 1, 1863.

Parish records, 1863-1906.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

St. Luke's Church.

Organized 1875 as a mission.

Parish records, 1875-1906.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

St. George's Parish.
Organized November, 1902.
Parish records, 1899-1906.
Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

Calvary Church.
Organized May 13, 1903.
Parish records, 1903-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

- St. John's Roman Catholic Church Corporation.
Organized April, 1801.
Record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1801-1906.
- St. Joseph's German Catholic Church.
Organized December, 1874.
Parish records, 1874-1906.
Record of births and marriages.
- St. Anthony's Church.
Organized December 23, 1892.
Parish records, 1896-1906.
Record of births and marriages.
Record of deaths kept by Rector of St. Augustine's Church.
- Church of the Holy Rosary.
Organized March 20, 1904.
Church or Parish records, 1904-1906.

Bridgewater.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

- St. Mark's Parish.¹
Organized 1810.
Parish records, 1845-1906.²
Record of baptisms, marriages, and burials, 1845-1906.
- ¹ Also copies of the minutes of the annual meetings of 1810-1874, 1831, 1833; and the original minutes of April 15, 1816.
² Bridgewater was set off from New Milford in 1856.

Bristol.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN.

Advent Christian Church of Bristol.
Organized February 24, 1858.
Church records, 1858-1906.
Records of marriages and deaths (pastor's record), 1898-1906.

BAPTIST.

First Baptist Church.
Organized 1791.
Church or Society records, 1796-1906.
Some records of deaths of members.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church.
Bristol Congregational Church, organized 1747.
New Cambridge Ecclesiastical Society incorporated as a winter parish in 1742; as a full parish in 1744. Society name changed to Bristol Congregational Society in 1808.

Society abolished and church incorporated as First Congregational Church in 1897.

Church records, 2 volumes, 1847-1875.¹

Society records, 3 volumes, 1742-1897.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1 vol., 1875-1906.

¹ Records are now in Bristol Public Library. There is also in the Library a record of deaths in Bristol, 1793-1861, compiled by Tracy Peck.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church.

Complete church or Society records for half a century.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Trinity Church Society.

Organized 1834.

Society records, 1834-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1834-1883; 1883-1906.²

¹ Records of Pre-Revolutionary Episcopal Church of Bristol and Plymouth from 1747 to about 1800, with other valuable documents, are deposited in the Bristol Public Library, and some of the original records are in Hartford.

² Records from 1834-1883 are in Bristol Public Library.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Libanon Church.

Complete Church records and records of births, baptisms; marriages, deaths, etc., 1891-1906.

Brookfield.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Society of Newbury. (Supposed to have been organized prior to 1754. Earliest records 1755.)¹

Presbytery Society of Newbury, organized 1757.

First Society of the town of Brookfield, organized 1788.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Brookfield, organized 1807.

First Congregational Society of Brookfield, organized 1831.

First Congregational Church of Brookfield, incorporated 1901.

Records of Society of Newberry, 1755-1796.

Church records of the First Ecclesiastical Society of Brookfield, 1807-1842.

Records of the First Ecclesiastical Society of Brookfield, 1829-1894.

Records of Congregational Church of Brookfield, 1817-1906.

Records of First Ecclesiastical Society, 1894-1906.

Record of Baptisms, 1813-1840; 1863-1906.

Marriages, 1807-1821; 1863-1868.

Deaths, 1807-1846; 1863-1906.

¹ The Parish of Newbury, organized in 1754, was constituted of portions of three adjacent towns, New Milford, Newtown, and Danbury. It was incorporated with town privileges in 1788. The name Brookfield, or Brooks' field was given in honor of the first pastor of the Newbury Church, Rev. Thomas Brooks.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Paul's Church and Parish.

Organized 1789.

Parish records, March 23, 1789-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Records complete from 1789; register from 1829, but not complete.

Brooklyn.**BAPTIST.**

First Baptist Church of Brooklyn.

Organized 1828.

Society records, 1828-1895.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society.

Chartered in 1731 as the "Society taken out of the towns of Pomfret, Canterbury, and Mortlake." Name later changed to Brooklyn.

Society records, November 23, 1731-October 19, 1853; also records of recent years.

Church records (Dates not given.)

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Trinity Church Parish.

Organized about 1770.

Records of Parish meetings, baptisms, marriages, and burials, 1771-72-1906.

Burlington.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

The Congregational Church of Burlington.

Organized July 3, 1783; incorporated 1901.

Society organized April, 1774, as West Britain. In 1785, West Britain and New Cambridge were incorporated as Bristol.

June 16, 1806, the Society separated from Bristol, and was incorporated under the name of Burlington.

Church records, 1798-1901.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Corporation of Collinsville.

Organized as a mission of New Britain.

Financial records, 1852-1906.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1861-1906.¹

¹ Records of births and marriages, 1841-1849, at St. Patrick's Church, Hartford; 1849-1856, at St. Mary's Church, New Britain.

Canaan.**METHODIST EPISCOPAL.**

Falls Village Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1793.

Partial Church or Society records, 1793-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Canterbury.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society of Canterbury.¹

Organized 1711.

Society records, 1711-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.²

¹ The Separatist Church seceded from the First Church in 1745. Part of the records are in possession of the First Parish and some of them are with Mr. Bradford, Danielson.

² The record of births, marriages, and deaths is not very complete during the early years of the record, which was copied. The first book of records is in the Historical Library, Hartford.

Westminster Congregational Church and Society.
 Organized about 1775.
 Society records, 1786-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Canton.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Ecclesiastical Society of Congregational Church, Canton Center. (Prior to 1806, West Simsbury.)
 Organized 1750.
 Society records, 1791-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.
 History by Rev. Frederick Alvord and Dr. Ida Gridley Case published in 1886.

Swedish Evangelical Pilgrim Church.
 Organized April 28, 1887.
 Church Register, and some records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

The Episcopal Society of Trinity Church.
 Organized May 3, 1875.
 Parish records, 1875-1906.
 Complete record of births, marriages, and deaths.

Chaplin.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Chaplin Ecclesiastical Society.¹
 Organized December, 1809.
 Society records, 1809-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ The Society was incorporated from parts of Windham, Mansfield, and Hampton. In 1822 the town of Chaplin was incorporated with the same boundaries, except the south. The south line of the Society was changed in 1825 to correspond with that of the town.

Chatham.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church and Ecclesiastical Society of East Hampton.¹
 Church or Society records from 1748.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.²

¹ The Society was formerly the Third Society of East Middletown or Middletown Sixth. In 1767 Middletown east of the River was incorporated as the town of Chatham.

² Records of births, marriages, and deaths published in a book entitled "The One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Congregational Church, East Hampton," in 1899.

Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam.
 Organized February, 1855.
 Church records, including few records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1855-1906.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church, Middle Haddam.
 Organized April 25, 1785.
 Parochial records, July 5, 1840-1906.
 Record of Baptisms, 1795-1814; 1826-1829.
 Parish register records marriages and burials, and date of birth usually given with baptisms.¹

¹ Are searching for older Parish Register believed to be in existence, probably in Middletown.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Patrick's Church, East Hampton.

Organized 1878.

Church records, 1900-1906.¹

Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ The parish was set apart from Portland September 15, 1900. There are records of the parish in possession of St. Andrew's Church, Colchester; also of later date at St. Mary's Church, Portland.

Cheshire.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church of Cheshire.¹

Society records, 1723-1906.

Partial list of births, marriages, and deaths, 1767-1812.²

¹ Original settlement was prior to 1700, and the locality was known as "The West Farms of Wallingford." In 1723, by legislative grant, it became a distinct society under the name of the parish of New Cheshire, by which name it was known from 1723 to 1780, when Cheshire was incorporated as a town.

² J. P. Beach, Cheshire, has an earlier record.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Organized 1760.

Church or Parish records, 1786-1802; 1806-1906.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths, 1828-1906.

Chester.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Chester Congregational Church.

Organized 1742.

Record of Parish the first year of organization; also some Ecclesiastical Society records and records of births, marriages, and deaths.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Joseph's Church Corporation of Chester.

Organized May 1, 1853.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

Clinton.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society. (Killingworth 1667-1838).¹

Killingworth First Parish, 1667-1735. (whole town).

Killingworth First Ecclesiastical Society, 1735-1838.

Clinton First Ecclesiastical Society, 1838-——.¹

Society records, 4 volumes, 1735-1906.²

Church records, 4 volumes, 1763-1906.

Membership records, 1667-1906.

First Society of Killingworth's Account Book, 1795-1874.

First Ecclesiastical Society Treasurer's Book, 1875-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, in church records.

¹ The town was divided into two Societies or Parishes by act of the General Court, in 1735.

The old town of Killingworth was divided in 1838, the old village of Killingworth being named Clinton, while North Killingworth, or Second Parish, became Killingworth. Prior to 1667 the town was called Hammonasset Quarter.

² Earlier records are probably to be found in connection with the town records of Killingworth.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Clinton Methodist Episcopal Church.
Church or Society records, 1833-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Holy Advent Church.
Organized about 1872.
Church or Society records, none.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths in Parish Register.

Colchester.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society.
Organized 1703.
Society records, 1792-1906.¹

¹ Earlier records missing.

Westchester Congregational Church.
Organized as the Second Church of Christ, Colchester, December 17, 1729. Ecclesiastical Society formed about the same time. Early Society records lost.

Church records, December 17, 1729-1906.¹
Records of marriages, November, 1764-March 7, 1866. (Probably the later records only those at which pastor of church officiated), deaths, August 10, 1765-1906; baptisms from February, 1742.

¹ Complete copy of church records compiled by Grace Foote Loomis.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Andrew's Catholic Church.
Organized 1850.
Church or Parish records, 1860-1906.
Record of births, October 25, 1860-1906.
Record of marriages, November 1, 1860-1906.¹

¹ Record of births and marriages previous to 1860 will be found among the records of St. Mary's Church, Norwich; St. Joseph's, Willimantic; St. James', Danielson. Record of births and marriages of the following churches from 1860 to date is found on the records of this church: — St. Mary's Church, Lebanon; St. John's, Fitchville.

Colebrook.**BAPTIST.**

North Colebrook Baptist Ecclesiastical Society.
Organized September 29, 1794.
Society records September 24, 1794-1906.
Record of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Colebrook Congregational Society.
Society records, 1786-1906.
Record of births, marriages, and deaths, incomplete.

Columbia.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Congregational Church of Columbia.¹
Organized 1716.
Church and Society records — Dates not given.
Record of births, marriages, and deaths in older church and parish records.

¹ Originally Second of Lebanon or Lebanon Crank. The town was set off in 1804 as Columbia.

Cornwall.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Church of Christ in Cornwall.¹

Ecclesiastical Society organized in 1740 as a town.

Society records, 1798-1904, but fragmentary during earlier years.

Partial church records, 1755-1803; full records from 1803.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, incomplete, 1755-1800.

¹ The church was incorporated in 1904.

Second Congregational Church of Cornwall.

Second Ecclesiastical Society.

Church organized in 1780; Society organized in 1804.

Society records, December 30, 1793-1906.

Records of marriages and deaths in pastor's parish record.¹

¹ History of Cornwall, by Theodore S. Gold (1904), contains records by several pastors. There is a copy in the State Library.

Coventry.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Congregational Church, South Coventry.

Organized 1712; incorporated, 1901.

Church and Society records—Dates not given.

Record of marriages, 1763-1794. Bill of mortality, 1763-1844; 1782-—. Other records give deaths of church members and age from 1845 to 1906.

Cromwell.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Congregational Church of Cromwell.

Organized January 5, 1715, as the North or Second Ecclesiastical Society of Middletown. Incorporated 1906.¹

Records—A record book begun by Rev. Edward Eells September 6, 1738, as follows: "A faithful transcription of the Records made by Rev. Joseph Smith, Pastor of the North Church in Middletown, as they were found in a small paper book."

Records meagre until September 6, 1738. Full from 1738 to date, except a short period when Rev. Edward Eells was in military service, and short periods between pastorates.

Record of baptisms begin 1715; record of marriages and deaths, September 6, 1738-1851.²

¹ On January 18, 1704, the town of Middletown agreed that the inhabitants of "Upper Houses" might settle a minister and build a meeting house, provided they settled a minister within six, or at most twelve, months from that time. In May, 1704, a new parish was incorporated. The new parish did not comply with the conditions of the old Society until January 5, 1715, when the North or Second Ecclesiastical Society of Middletown was organized. In 1851 the North Society in Middletown, known as Upper Middletown, was incorporated as the town of Cromwell. In 1852 the name of the Society was changed to the First Congregational Society of Cromwell.

² Records of the parish, found in records of the First Church in Middletown, previous to January 5, 1715, and to some extent somewhat later.

Danbury.**ADVENT CHRISTIAN.**

Second Advent Christian Church.

Organized April 21, 1895.

Church or Society records, 1895-1906.

Records of marriages and deaths.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Church of Christ in Danbury.
 First Ecclesiastical Society.
 Organized 1696.
 Church records, 1780-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.
 Swedish Evangelical Congregational Church.
 Church records from date of organization.
 Records of baptisms, marriages, and burials kept by pastors.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. James' Church.
 Date of organization not known. First services held in 1728.
 Records complete, 1784-1906; incomplete for preceding years.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Peter's Corporate Society.
 Organized 1851.
 Church or Parish records not reported.
 Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

Darien.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Middlesex Ecclesiastical Society.¹
 Organized 1737.
 Society records, June, 1739-1903.
 Records of marriages, June, 1744-October, 1804.²

¹ When the Middlesex Ecclesiastical Society was organized it was included in the town of Stamford. In 1820 the town of Darien was set off from Stamford and incorporated, and since that time the Society has been included in Darien. In 1903, when the Ecclesiastical Society disbanded, it turned its property over to the First Congregational Church of Darien.

² These marriages have been published in Book VI of Early Connecticut Marriages, by the Bureau of American Ancestry of New Haven. The History of Stamford, by Rev. E. B. Huntington, published in 1868, has on page 148 a short account of the organization of the Society.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First Presbyterian Church of Darien.
 Organized November 4, 1863.
 Sessional records, 1863-1906.
 Record of deaths of members.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Luke's Church.
 Organized 1855.
 Church or Parish records, 1855-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Derby.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Derby.¹
 Permission granted by the General Court to organize May 9, 1678.
 Society records, March 28, 1791-1906.
 Church records, July 1, 1783-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths in regular church records.
 Record of baptisms, and two marriages, March 6, 1734-March 12, 1783.

¹ The Second Congregational Church was organized by members of this Society under the name of the Birmingham Congregational Society, July 30, 1845.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Derby Methodist Episcopal Society.

Organized in 1789.

In the history of the Methodist church in Ansonia, which until 1849 was a part of the Derby Church, is to be found quite an exhaustive record of the doings of the mother church to 1849.

Since then only fragmentary reports.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths by pastors.

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Organized May, 1874.

Church and Society records, 1874-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. James' Protestant Episcopal Church.

Organized 1737.

Records, 1741-1906; incomplete, 1741-1784.

Baptismal register, 1740-1805, and since 1822.

Register of other acts from 1822. Early register has records of ministrations in adjoining towns.

UNITARIAN.

Unitarian Church.

Society records, 1900-1906.

Record of deaths.

Durham.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Durham.

Society organized 1804. Church organized 1711.

Society records, 1804-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

"History of Durham," by William C. Fowler (1866), contains a history of the Parish.

Eastford.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church of Eastford.¹

Organized September 23, 1778.

Records cover nearly entire period since organization.

Records of deaths of members.

¹ Eastford was set off from Ashford in 1847.

East Granby.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Ecclesiastical Society of East Granby.¹

Society records, 1737-1906.

Church records exist from 1776, containing records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1776-1858. 1737-1794 in print.

¹ This section was first known as Simsbury Northeast Corner, first settled in 1712. Later it was called the Ecclesiastical Society of Turkey Hill. A portion of Simsbury, including Turkey Hill, was incorporated in 1786 as the town of Granby. In 1858 the town of East Granby was incorporated from portions of Granby. In 1739 a small part was taken from Windsor and added.

The Society was organized in 1737.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Copper Hill Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1816.

Church or Society records, none.

Record of marriages and deaths incomplete. No births.

East Haddam.¹**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society.

Society organized 1700. Church organized 1704.

Society records, dates not given.

Church records, 1704-1906.

Records of marriages, 1751-1856; deaths, 1785-1856.²

¹ East Haddam was set off from Haddam in 1734.

² Marriages from 1751 to 1800 were published a few years ago by Bailey, in New Haven.

History of Haddam and East Haddam, by Dr. David Dudley Field, published in 1814.

East Haddam Second Congregational Church.

Church organized December, 1736; incorporated June 15, 1895.

Millington Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized 1733.

Society records, 1744-June 15, 1895.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

Hadlyme Congregational Church.

Organized October 24, 1742.

Parish records from organization of Society.

Some records of births, marriages, and deaths.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Moodus Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1834.

Church records.

Marriage records in church records, 1876-1906.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Organized 1794.

Parish records, 1791-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

East Hartford.¹**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Congregational Church in East Hartford.

Organized as the Third Church in Hartford in 1702.

Society authorized in 1694.

Society records, 1699-1895 (date of dissolution of Society and incorporation of church).

Church records, 1747-1906.²

Records of baptisms only until 1716, when marriages are recorded for several years; deaths more recently.

¹ East Hartford was set off from Hartford in 1783.

² Some of these records are in the safe of W. W. Ackley of East Hartford. Copies of most of the old ones are on file in the Town Clerk's office. The Connecticut Historical Society has copies of all the early records.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Burnside.

Organized August, 1790.

Church or Society records, 1855-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths incomplete.

¹ There are some records of the church in possession of Lawrence S. Forbes, East Hartford.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. John's Church.¹

Church and Society records for both the "Scotland" period and later.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths complete for East Hartford; nearly so for "Scotland."

¹ The predecessor of St. John's, East Hartford, was located in what is now Burnside, formerly called Scotland.

East Haven.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society of East Haven.

Church organized in 1711.

Church or Society records, none.¹

¹ Deacon A. L. Fabrique, Townsend Ave., New Haven, has records relating to the society or parish.

Foxon Congregational Church.

Organized December 27, 1893.

Church or Society records, dates not given.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

East Lyme.**BAPTIST.**

Baptist Church.

Organized about 1752.

Church records, August 1, 1752-January 4, 1760; November 25, 1765-October, 1766; March 25, 1768-1906.

Record of deaths in church record.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church of Niantic.

Organized 1719.

Church or Society records, 1857-1906.¹

Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Mrs. Sarah Beckwith, Niantic, has records relating to the parish in her possession.

Easton.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Easton Congregational Church. Formerly Church of Christ, North Fairfield.

Organized December 13, 1763.

Church records, 1763-1906.

Society records, dates not given.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

East Windsor.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society of East Windsor.¹

Organized 1752.

Society records, 1752-1906.

Church records, dates not given.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths, by Rev. Shubael Bartlett, 1804-1854. Copies of gravestones in the old cemetery in South Windsor, Scantic, Melrose, Pine Street, and Rye Street, East Windsor, in possession of Herbert C. Wells.

¹ When the Society was organized it was the Sixth Society in Windsor. In 1768 the town was divided, and this part became East Windsor, the Society being Third in East Windsor. In 1786 Ellington was set off from East Windsor, and the Society became the Second in East Windsor. When South Windsor was set off in 1845 it became the first Ecclesiastical Society of East Windsor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Warehouse Point.

Organized 1822.

Church or Society records, 1822-1833, incomplete; 1833-1906, complete.

Record of deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. John's Episcopal Church.

Organized October 11, 1802.

Parish records, 1802-184-; 1873-1906, complete.

Record of baptisms, marriages, and burials, 1844-1906.

Ellington.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Ellington Congregational Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized 1736.

Society records, 1819-1906.²

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ Ellington was incorporated as a town in 1786. Prior to 1768 it was a part of Windsor, and from 1768 to 1786 part of East Windsor.

² The early records were destroyed by fire. There is also a personal record, kept by Rev. Diodate Brockway, 1799-1849, a manuscript of about 48 pages, giving list of members in 1799.

Enfield.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society of Enfield.¹

Organized 1683.

Records of communicants as early as 1783, and record of votes from 1815.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church record. Original marriage record, 1784-1815, in Connecticut Historical Society.²

¹ Enfield was first called Fresh Water Plantation, and was a part of Massachusetts until 1749 or 1750, the name being changed to Enfield at the time of the organization of the Society.

² All records have been printed.

February 25, 1855, ninety-four members of the First Congregational Church requested to be dismissed that they might form the North Congregational Church of Enfield. This organization existed for about twenty-three years, and the records are believed to be in possession of the family of the late John Parsons, Enfield, who was the last clerk of that church.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church Corporation, Hazardville.

Have all Parish records.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths from 1888.

Essex.**BAPTIST.**

First Baptist Church in Essex.

Organized 1811.

Church records, dates not given.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational.

Organized 1851.

Church or Society Records, 1851-1906.

Record of deaths, 1851-1906.

Second Ecclesiastical Society of Saybrook.¹

Society organized May 22, 1722.

Church organized November 16, 1725.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1785-1906.²

¹ The Second Ecclesiastical Society of Saybrook was incorporated by the General Court, May 22, 1722, taking in the north part of the town, or Pautapaug, which later became Essex township, with the villages of Pautapaug as Essex, Pautapaug Center as Centerbrook and Ivoryton. Saybrook, Deep River, and Chester, originally in the North Ecclesiastical Parish of Saybrook, were set off as separate towns.

² The first sixty years of church records are lost, and the earliest society records are lost or not in full form.

First Congregational Church of Ivoryton.

Organized May, 1898.

Church records, 1898-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1898-1906.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. John's Memorial Church.

Organized 1790.

Church and Parish records, 1790-1898, are deposited with the Connecticut Historical Society.

Records contain baptisms, 1797-1801; 1822-1898: marriages, 1798, 1822-1881; 1886-1897: burials, 1798-1799; 1822-1897.

Fairfield.

BAPTIST.

Stratfield Baptist Church and Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized 1751.

Church and Society records, 1751-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Church of Christ.

First Ecclesiastical Society in Fairfield.

Organized 1639.

Church or Society records, 1694-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ The records, 1639-1694, have been lost.

Southport Congregational Church.

Organized March 7, 1843.

Church records, 1843-1906.

Record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths of members, 1877-1906.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Trinity Church, Southport.

Organized 1724.

Church or Society records, 1779-1906, complete.²

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1785-1906.

² All early documents destroyed by fire in 1779.

Farmington.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Farmington.

Organized December, 1708.

Records, December, 1708-1906, complete.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Mary's Star of the Sea Corporation.

Organized May, 1885.

Church or Parish records, 1885-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths complete.

Franklin.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

The First Ecclesiastical Society of Franklin.¹

Organized 1716.

Society records, 1717-1780; 1795-1906.²

Record of members, 1718-1749; 1782-1906.

Records of baptisms, 1733-1755; 1782-1906; marriages up to 1743 and 1782-1880; deaths, incomplete list 1782-1906, included in church records.

¹ At the time of organization of the Society the town was a part of Norwich, and was known as West Farms.

² The Society records, 1780-1795, have been lost.

Glastonbury.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Church of Christ in Glastonbury.

Organized July 28, 1692.

Society records, 1840-1906.

Church records, August 30, 1797-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1797-1906.

¹ No records can be found, 1741-1797, and probably there were none.

The Buckingham Ecclesiastical Society.¹

Organized 1732.

Society records, 1876-1907.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ First called the Parish of Eastbury.

The Congregational Society in South Glastonbury.

Organized February 26, 1836.

Society records, 1836-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Luke's Church, South Glastonbury.

Organized February, 1806.

Church or Parish records, 1806-1906, with some intermissions.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ There may be few data in possession of Rev. Dr. Hart, Middletown, relating to the parish.

Brief history has been compiled by Rev. A. B. Chapin, 1853.

St. James' Parish.

Organized 1858.

Church or Parish records, 1857-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Goshen.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

The First Congregational Church.

Organized 1740.

Church or Society records, 1791-1906.

Record of deaths in church records.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church of West Goshen.

Organized July, 1798.

Church or Society records, 1798-1906.
Record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

Granby.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church.
First Ecclesiastical Society.
Society organized 1700; church organized 1745.
Church or Society records, 1870-1906.¹
Record of deaths, 1870-1906.

The Connecticut Historical Society has records of admissions for 1712 and 1713; covenanters, 1712-1716; baptisms, 1711-1713. Contemporary but unofficial records relating to this church are in the Connecticut Historical Society covering baptisms, 1776-1782; list of members in 1783, with dates of their admission, 1725-1783; members in 1784, with dates of admission, and admissions, 1784-1789; deaths, 1783-1810.

¹ Deacon M. A. Colton has some records relating to the parish, and records of deaths of members.

South Congregational Church.
Organized 1872.
Society records, 1872-1903.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ Date of dissolution of Salmon Brook Street Ecclesiastical Society and incorporation of the church.

Greenwich.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Greenwich.
Organized, 1670.
No records except a few outline statements going back more than a hundred years.

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich.
Church organized 1700.
Ecclesiastical Society incorporated May, 1716.
Society records, 1720-1900.
Church records incomplete prior to 1775; complete, 1775-1906.
Record of births, none.
Record of marriages, 1728-1730; 1774-1823.
Record of deaths, 1774-1906.

The Stanwich Congregational Church.
Organized June 17, 1735.
The Society disbanded in 1900, the church having been incorporated. No records exist prior to 1821, when the records were destroyed by fire. Some records since that date are in the hands of the clerk of the church.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.
Society organized November 14, 1843.
Society records, 1843-1906. Earlier records very imperfect.
Record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths in church records.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich.
Sessional records for entire period.
Record of baptisms, and incomplete record of marriages since organization; also deaths.

First Presbyterian Church of Sound Beach.
Organized as Pilgrim Congregational Church, 1893.
Record of business of Society.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Parish of Christ Church.
Organized September 25, 1833.
Parish records, 1833-1906.
Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

Griswold.

BAPTIST.

The Jewett City Baptist Church.
Organized 1840.
Church records, 1840-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church of Griswold.¹
Organized 1720.
Church and Society records, 1720-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ The town of Griswold was set off from that of Preston in 1818. Prior to that date the church was the church of North Preston.

Second Congregational Society of Griswold.
Organized March 14, 1825.
Church and Society records, 1825-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Griswold Methodist Episcopal Church.
Organized, 1833.
Church or Society records, 1855-1906.
Records of marriages and deaths of members.

Groton.

BAPTIST.

First Baptist Church of Groton.
Organized 1705.
Church records, 1754-1906.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ The early records are meagre. The records previous to 1754 have been lost.

Union Baptist Church of Mystic.
Organized 1765.
Church records, 1765-1906.
Record of deaths of church members.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Church of Christ in Groton.
Organized 1705.
Church records, 1723-1780; scattering, 1810-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1723-1769; 1865-1906.
Short history of the parish has been written by Rev. John Woodhall, pastor in early seventies.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Mark's Parish, Mystic.
Organized February 11, 1865.
Parish clerk's book and parish registers, 1865-1906.
Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

Guilford.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church.
Organized June, 1643.
Church records, 1803-1906.
Society records, dates not given.¹
Marriages not recorded later than 1869; deaths not later than 1856.
¹ The clerk of the First Congregational Church has the records of the Fourth Church and Society, established by desertion from the First Church, covering years from 1743 to 1811, when it ceased to exist, in his possession.

Second Congregational Church in Guilford.¹
The North Society in Guilford.¹
Church organized June 16, 1725; Society organized May 12, 1720.
Society records, 1720-1906, with but few breaks.²
Church records, 1748-1906, incomplete.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1748-1906.
Ministerial records that at certain periods were quite accurately kept as regarded marriages and deaths.

¹ Now known as the Congregational Church in North Guilford. Since about 1750 the Society is recorded as the Parish of North Guilford.

² The earlier part of the Society records are copied from records which are not now thought to be in existence.

Third Congregational Church and Society.
Church records, 1843-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church.
Organized 1744.
Record of business of parish, 1801-1906, complete.
Parish registers, including baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1807-1906.¹

Miscellaneous records, 1744-

¹ Records of baptisms and other matters were made in the eighteenth century in the parish of Trinity Church, New Haven. Information about this parish is to be found in the Archives of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, London.

Early History of Parish by Rev. Dr. Andrews, 1895.

St. John's Parish, North Guilford.
Organized, 1747.
Parish records, 1747-1906, and annual report of Bishop of Diocese.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, complete.

Haddam.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The First Congregational Church of Haddam.¹
The First Ecclesiastical Society.
Church organized 1696; Society organized June 18, 1739.
Society records, 1739-1892.²
Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths from 1756.

¹ The First Society was divided in 1740 by setting off the portion east of the Connecticut River and west of Salmon River (Now Haddam Neck) as a part of Middle Haddam Society. In 1844 Higganum and the upper part of the town were set off as a separate Society.

² Date of dissolution of Society and incorporation of church.

First Congregational Church of Middle Haddam, Haddam Neck.
Organized 1740.

Church or Society records, 1740-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1740-1906, more or less complete for Middle Haddam and Haddam Neck.

Hamden.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Mt. Carmel Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized January 31, 1758.

Society records, 1758-Sept. 13, 1906.

Imperfect records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1770-1865.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Grace Church.

Organized 1790.

Parish records, 1790-1906.

Parish registers, 1790-1906, including records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Hampton.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church and Society of Hampton.¹

Organized 1723.

Church and Society records, 1723-1906.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths complete until kept by Town Clerk.

¹ When organized in 1723 it was called the church in Windham Village. In 1753 it was called Windham Second Society, and in 1768 the Second Church in Windham; in 1791 the church in Hampton Canada Parish. Since then it has been known as the First Congregational Church and Society of Hampton. The town was at the time of the organization of the church a part of Windham, and later was called Canada Parish. It was named Hampton when it was made a town in 1786.

Hartford.

BAPTIST.

First Baptist Church.

Organized 1790.

Records containing marriages and funerals, 1809-1864, and records containing admissions, dismissions, exclusions, deaths, and marriages, 1800-1830, at Connecticut Historical Society.

South Baptist Society.

Organized 1834.

Asylum Avenue Baptist Church and Society.

Organized September 25, 1870.

Society records, 1870-1906.

Record of deaths of members.

Memorial Baptist Church.

Organized 1884.

Church or Society records, none.

Shiloh Baptist Church.

Organized 1890.

Church or Society records, 1890-1906.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths not complete.

Olivet Baptist.
Organized 1896.
Church or Society records, 1896-1906.

CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC.

The Catholic Apostolic Church.
Organized 1868.
Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Church of Christ in Hartford.
Organized at Newtown, Mass. (now Cambridge), in 1632.
Moved to Hartford in 1636.
Society organized 1670. Transferred property to church in 1902.
Society records, 1670-1902.
Church records, more or less complete, 1685-1772; 1818-1906.
Partial records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1685-1772; 1818-1906.
History of First Church of Christ in Hartford, by George Leon Walker, 1883; Historical Catalogue of First Church of Christ in Hartford, 1885, Hartford.

Second Ecclesiastical Society of Hartford.
Second Church of Christ in Hartford.
Organized February 12, 1669-70.
Society records, January 29, 1767-1906.
Record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1790-1825.
Record of admissions and baptisms (incomplete), 1670-1731, at Connecticut Historical Society.
History of Second Church, with appendix by John Morris, giving lists of births, marriages, and deaths, by Edwin P. Parker.

Talcott Street Congregational Church.
Society organized 1826.
Church organized 1833.
Society records, 1826-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Fourth Congregational Church.
Organized January 10, 1832.
Church and Society records, 1832-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths of no value prior to 1880.

The Farmington Avenue (formerly Pearl Street) Congregational Church and Society.
Society organized March 28, 1851.
Church organized October 15, 1852.
Church and Society records, 1851-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Asylum Hill Congregational Church and Society.
Organized 1865.
Church and Society records, 1865-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

The Glenwood Congregational Church.
Organized July 17, 1894.
Church or Society records, 1894-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths not complete.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.
Organized 1894.
Church or Society records, 1894-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First Presbyterian Society of Hartford.
Organized 1831.
Church or Society records, 1831-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church.
Organized 1786. First service, 1761-62.
Records, complete, 1786-1906.
Records of baptisms and marriages, 1801-1906; burials, 1812-1906.
History of Parish by Gurdon W. Russell, published by Belknap & Warfield, 1895.

St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.
Organized 1842.
Parish register, 1842-1906.
Record of births, marriages, and deaths complete.

Trinity Church.
Organized 1860.
Record of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials; also business and official transactions of parish and vestry, 1860-1906.

St. James' Church.
Organized 1868.
Church or Society records, 1868-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

St. Thomas' Church.
Organized July 21, 1870.
Church or Society records, 1870-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1870-1906.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Patrick's Church Corporation.
Organized 1836.
Record of baptisms and marriages, 1829-1906; record of deaths, 1855-1906.

St. Peter's Corporation.
Organized 1859.
Church or Parish records, 1865-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

St. Joseph's Cathedral Corporation.
Organized 1870.
Church or Parish records, 1870-1906.
Records of births and marriages.

St. Anne's French Catholic Church.
Organized June 18, 1889.
Church or Parish records, 1889-1906.
Record of births, marriages, and deaths complete.

- The Immaculate Conception Church Corporation.
• Organized April 1, 1899.
Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1899-1906.

St. Anthony's Church Corporation.
Organized December 14, 1898.
Records of baptisms, marriages, financial accounts, and minutes of corporation meetings.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Swedish Evangelical Zion Congregational Church.
Organized October 25, 1889.
Church or Society records, 1889-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Hartland.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Hartland (East).
Organized 1768.
Society records, 1768-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
Second or East Society.
Records at Connecticut Historical Society, 1780-1806.
Church Votes, 1780-1833; baptisms, 1780-1832; marriages, 1782-1836; deaths, 1782-1890, out of existence.

Harwinton.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Harwinton Congregational Church, organized in 1738.
Ecclesiastical Society, organized in 1773.
Society records, 1773-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Hebron.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Gilead Ecclesiastical Society.
Organized May, 1748.
Society records, 1748-1906.
Church records from 1752.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Peter's Parish.
Organized about 1735.
Church or Parish records, 1787-1906.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1822-1906.²

¹ The earlier records were destroyed in the sacking of Dr. Peter's house by a mob.

² Some records of baptisms from 1776 to 1796 are found in the records of Christ Church, Norwich.

Huntington.

BAPTIST.

White Hills Baptist Church.
White Hills Baptist Society.
Organized in 1838.
Church and Society records, 1838-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Shelton Congregational Church.
Organized December 13, 1892.
No records.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

First Methodist Episcopal Church, Shelton.
Church or Society records, 1882-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Paul's Episcopal Society, Ripton (now Huntington).
Organized 1740. Set off from Stratford as an independent parish,
1749.
Two Parish records, bearing dates respectively 1758 and 1769.

Kent.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society of Kent.
First Congregational Church of Kent.
Church organized April 29, 1741.
Society records, 1750-1906.
Church records, 1741-1906.
Record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths not complete.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Andrew's Parish.
Organized 1802 as The Episcopal Society in Kent.
Parish records, 1847-1906.
Record of Parish meetings, 1808-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1847-1906.

Killingly.**METHODIST EPISCOPAL.**

Danielson Methodist Episcopal Church.
Record of marriages and deaths.

Methodist Episcopal Church of Attawaugan.
Organized 1872.
Church or Society records, 1872-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Killingworth.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Congregational Church Corporation.
Organized 1737.
Church or Society records, 1737-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Emmanuel Church.¹
Old Parish register in possession of Rev. Joseph Hooker, Durham;
later register in possession of Rector.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ In 1800 two Societies of Episcopalians,—Killingworth and North Bristol, united and formed one Ecclesiastical Society. About 1802 a church was erected in Killingworth and called Union Church, and in 1869 the name was changed to Emmanuel Church.

Lebanon.**BAPTIST.**

First Baptist Church.

Organized 1805.

Church records, 1805-1906.

In the history of the town there are references to this church.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church.

Organized 1700.

Church and Society records, dates not given.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths not very full.

"Early Lebanon," history by O. D. Hine, a former pastor.

Congregational Church of Goshen, Lebanon. (Also called the Third Church.)¹

Organized November 26, 1720.

Church and Society records, 1729-1906.

Records of births and marriages complete; deaths not complete.

¹ The Second Church, known in old records as Lebanon Crank, was in that part of Lebanon set off to Columbia, and is now the Congregational Church of Columbia.

Exeter Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized in 1773.

Society records, 1813-1906.¹

Partial records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1813-1906.

¹ Records prior to 1813 have been lost.

Ledyard.**METHODIST EPISCOPAL.**

Gale's Ferry Methodist Episcopal Church.

Church or Society records, none.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Lisbon.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Newent Congregational Church and Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized December 10, 1723.

Church or Society records not reported.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Litchfield.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Congregational Church of Litchfield.

Organized 1721.

Church or Society records, December 31, 1886-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ Records previous to 1886 were burned June 11, 1886.

The Congregational Society of Northfield.

Incorporated in 1794 as the Ecclesiastical Society of Northfield.

Named changed in 1859.

Society records, 1843-1906.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths, 1829-1906.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church of Litchfield.

Organized 1806.

Church or Society records, 1841-1906.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

First Episcopal Society of Litchfield.¹

Society records, 1784-1906.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths complete from 1840,
Prior to 1840 incomplete.

- ¹ Services have been held continuously since 1745, first as a mission of the Church of England, and after the Revolution as a parish or Society legally organized in 1784. It includes the churches of St. Michael's, Litchfield; St. Paul's, Bantam; Trinity, Milton.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Anthony of Padua.
Organized September 1, 1882.
Church of Parish records, 1882-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Lyme.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church of Lyme.
Organized 1725.
Church records, 1850-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths of members.
Grassy Hill Ecclesiastical Society.
Organized 1745-46.
Records for one hundred years or more.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Madison.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Society.
Established May, 1703, as Guilford East or Second or Hammonasset Society, by division of Guilford First Society. Madison incorporated from Guilford, 1826. Fragmentary records to 1790 are at Historical Society.
Society records, 1847-1906.
Clerk of church has records in regard to members.
Congregational Church, North Madison.
Organized March 23, 1757.
North Bristol Ecclesiastical Society (now First Ecclesiastical Society), organized May, 1753.
Church records from early date.

Manchester.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church and Society of Manchester.
Society organized in 1779, and was then in the town of Hartford.
In 1783 East Hartford was set off from Hartford and the Society was then known as the Parish of Orford. In 1823 Manchester was incorporated as a town.
Church and Society records from 1779.
Second Congregational Church of Manchester.
Organized January 8, 1851.
Church records, 1851-1906.
Society records not complete; earlier records mislaid.
Record of deaths kept; record of births and marriages incomplete.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

The North Manchester Methodist Episcopal Church.
Organized 1851.
Church records, 1851-1906. Also record covering the time of the introduction of Methodism into Manchester, 1790.
Records of marriages and deaths of members.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Mary's Parish.

Organized May 28, 1844.
 Church or Society records, 1869-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. James' Church.
 Organized January 26, 1874.
 Church corporation records, 1874-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1886-1906.¹

¹ Parish records prior to 1886 are in records of St. Bridget's parish.

Mansfield.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church of Mansfield.
 Organized October 18, 1710.
 Church or Society records, 1821-1894.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.
 Second Ecclesiastical Society.
 Society records, 1739-1841.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Marlborough.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Church of Christ.
 Organized 1747. Name changed to Congregational Church of
 Marlborough when incorporated in 1898.
 Records for many years.
 Few records of births, marriages, and deaths.
 Brief history of Parish is found in the Manual for 1898, compiled
 by Miss Mary Hall, Hartford.

Meriden.

BAPTIST.

First Baptist Church in Meriden.¹
 Organized August 23, 1786.
 Church or Society records, 1786-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ The church when organized was in the town of Wallingford. Meriden was set off in 1806.

Main Street Baptist Church.
 Organized June 4, 1861.
 Church or Society records, 1861-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.
 First Baptist Church of Meriden.
 Organized 1887.
 Church or Society records, 1887-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church of Meriden.
 Organized October 22, 1729. Incorporated January 18, 1894.
 Ecclesiastical Society organized May, 1725.
 Church records, October 9, 1729-1906.
 Society records, December 5, 1755-December 13, 1893.¹
 Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1729-1906.

¹ The Society records from 1725 to December, 1755, cannot be found. There are some breaks in the early church records, as our early church records were kept on loose pieces of paper, some of which are lost. There are some records relating to the old Society in possession of Mr. William B. Rice of Meriden.

Center Ecclesiastical Society.
 Formed by secession from First Church, 1848.
 Society records, 1848-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

South Meriden Methodist Episcopal Church.
 Organized March 12, 1851, as the M. E. Society of Hanover District.
 Record of baptisms, 1886-1906; marriages, 1887-1906; church membership, 1880-1906.
 Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.
 Organized November 1, 1885.
 Church or Society records, 1885-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church.
 Organized 1789.
 Record of vestry and parish meetings, 1789-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Joseph's Church Corporation.
 Organized October 1, 1900.
 Church or Parish records, 1900-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
 St. Laurent's French Canadian Roman Catholic Church.
 Organized June 6, 1880.
 Church or Parish records, 1880-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
 Corporation of the Church of the Holy Angels.
 Organized January 10, 1888.
 Church or Parish records, 1888-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths since 1897.

UNIVERSALIST.

First Universalist Society of Meriden.
 Church or Society records, 1855-1906.
 Partial record of births, marriages, and deaths.

Middlebury.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church.
 Organized February 10, 1796.
 Church or Society records, December 5, 1796-1906.
 Record of deaths in church records.

Middlefield.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church and Subscribers.¹
 Organized December, 1808.
 Church and Society records, 1808-1906. Also a book called the "First Book of Church and Society Records," 1743-1773. A volume of the "Society of Middlefield in its School Capacity," purchased 1797, and another the "Property of the Society of Middlefield," for records of school and church proceedings, 1774-1843; both in possession of the town. Marriages and deaths recorded in the church records.

¹ Middlefield was formerly a part of Middletown.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Society of Middlefield.
 Organized 1790.
 Church records, 1858-1906.
 Record of marriages, 1858-1906.

Middletown.**BAPTIST.**

The First Baptist Church of Middletown.
 Organized 1795.
 Church records, dates not given.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The First Church of Christ.
 The First Ecclesiastical Society.
 Church organized November 4, 1668. Society organized 1652.
 Society records, 1652-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Second or South Congregational Church.
 Organized January 7, 1747, as Wethersfield Separate Congregational Church. Removed to Middletown and reorganized 1754. Connecticut Historical Society has copy of record of admissions, 1747-1777, made about 1770; admissions, 1789-1880; members in 1880.

Third Congregational Church of Middletown.¹
 Organized December, 1773.
 Society records, 1787-1899.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.

¹ This church was formerly the Fourth Ecclesiastical Society of Middletown, known as the Westfield Congregational Church. The church was incorporated in 1899.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

African Methodist Episcopal Church.
 Organized 1825.
 Church or Society records, 1850-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths not complete.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

The Parish of the Holy Trinity.
 Organized 1750 as Christ Church.
 Church or Parish records, 1730-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.
 Christ Church.
 Church or Society records, 1869-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

The St. John's Church Corporation.
 Organized September 17, 1866.
 Record of baptisms and marriages, 1845-1906; deaths, 1897-1906.¹

¹ Records of baptisms and marriages prior to 1845 are in records of Holy Trinity Church, Hartford.

Church of St. Francis of Assisi.
 Organized October 18, 1903.
 Church or Parish records, 1903-1906.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Tabor Church.

Organized November 18, 1891.

Church records, 1891-1906.

Record of births, baptisms, marriages, and burials, 1891-1906.

Milford.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

The First Church of Christ.

Organized 1639.

Church and Society records, 1639-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Plymouth Church and Society.

Organized 1741.

Church records, 1747-1906. Some leaves of first book missing.

Ecclesiastical records, dates not given.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized August 12, 1836.

Pastor's record covers practically the entire history.

Record of minutes of official board.

Record of marriages and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Organized 1763. First service 1736.

Records, 1832-1906; also small book of "Minutes of Vestry Meetings," reaching back to 1763, but no record of births, etc.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1832-1906.¹

¹ Records previous to 1832 were burned, but many of the official acts of the clergymen in charge are doubtless a part of the records of the Stratfield Parish, as the church was served by clergymen residing at Stratford between 1736 and 1763.

Monroe.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Congregational Church.

Organized 1762.¹

First record book from 1762; second from September 25, 1833.

Record of marriages from 1821; deaths from 1840.

¹ At the time of the organization of the Society, Monroe was called New Stratford.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St Peter's Episcopal Church.

Organized the later part of the 18th century.

Parish records, 1827-1906.¹

All records kept in Parish register.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths, 1829-1906, but not complete.

¹ St. Paul's Church, Huntington, may have some records of parish.

Montville.**BAPTIST.**

Montville Union Baptist Church.

Church records, dates not given.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church and Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized 1722.

Records relating to Society and church, 1722-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Originally New London North Parish.

Mohegan Congregational Church.

Organized July 9, 1832.

Church records, 1832-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church record.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Uncasville Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1829.

Church or Society records, 1829-1860; 1871-1906.

Gardner Lake Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized August 1, 1831.

Church record, dates not given.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths in church record.

Morris.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Ecclesiastical Society.¹

Organized in 1787 as Second Litchfield Ecclesiastical Society.

Records, 1787-1906, with few breaks.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ The name of the town has been changed from Litchfield South Farms, and set off under the name of Morris.

Naugatuck.

BAPTIST.

First Baptist Church of Naugatuck.

Organized January 27, 1901, from a mission known as the Baptist Ecclesiastical Society, organized at Union City Chapel, December 10, 1897.

All records since organization.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Ecclesiastical Society.¹

Organized 1773.

Congregational Church organized February 22, 1781; incorporated 1903.

Church and Society records from organization.

Records of marriages and of deaths of members.

¹ Originally this section was a part of Waterbury, called Judd's Meadow, later known as Salem, Salem Parish, or Salem Bridge. It became a separate town in 1844, when it was named Naugatuck.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Michael's Parish.

Organized 1786.

Records for practically the whole period.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Corporation of St. Francis' Church.

Organization November 24, 1866.

Church or Parish records, 1866-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Salem Church.

Organized 1887.

Church or Society records, 1887-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

New Britain.

BAPTIST.

First Baptist Church.

Organized June 16, 1808.

Church or Society records, 1821-1906. Records, 1808-1821, burned.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Church and First Ecclesiastical Society.

Church organized April 19, 1758; Society incorporated 1754.

Church and Society records more or less complete from time of organization.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in annual reports.

A history of the parish in "New Britain, Genealogy and Ecclesiastical History," with explanatory notes, compiled by Alfred Andrews, member of Connecticut and Wisconsin Historical Societies; also in Manuals No. 1 and No. 2, with historical sketch, and catalogue to 1901.

South Congregational Society.

Organized 1842.

Church or Society records, 1842-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths for last few years.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Mark's Parish.

Organized August 28, 1836.

Church or Parish records, 1836-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1849-1906.

¹ A family of Demings in the town of Berlin have the old records of Christ Church, Wethersfield, and Worthington, 1798-1826. This was the predecessor of St. Mark's, New Britain.

Mr. James Shepherd (Patent Attorney) of New Britain has made studies into the early history of the Episcopal Society which was early formed here and whose records are in possession of persons living near the old site. Mr. Shepherd is the only person who has had access to them, and they are thought to be valuable.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St Peter's German Roman Catholic Church.

Organized July 2, 1873.

Church or Parish records, 1873-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

St. Andrew's Church.

Organized October 1, 1894.

Church records and corporation records, 1894-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Ruthenian Holy Trinity Greek Catholic Church.

Organized 1901.

Church or Parish records, none.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

New Canaan.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1816.

Church or Society records, 1855-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Mark's Parish.

Organized 1791.

Parish clerk's records complete, 1791-1906; other records, 1834-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Aloysius Church Corporation.

Organized April 24, 1896.

Church or Parish records, 1896-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1824-1906.

¹ Before foundation of parish all records were kept at St. Mary's Church, Norwalk.

New Fairfield.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Congregational Ecclesiastical Society of New Fairfield.

Organized November 9, 1742.

Church or Society records, 1742-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1742-1906.²

¹ The old records are very much obliterated.

² The old records are almost impossible to translate, although well preserved for records so old.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

First Methodist Episcopal Church of New Fairfield.¹

Church records, 1869-1906.²

Record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Sherman has been set off from New Fairfield.

² A former record has been lost or destroyed. It was probably burned with the house of David Stevens, an official of this church.

New Hartford.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

The North Congregational Church of New Hartford.¹

Organized 1828.

Church records, 1828-1906.²

Recent records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Record of marriages.

¹ This church is an offshoot of the old Town Hill or First Church, organized in 1728. The church has been abandoned since 1855, but the First Ecclesiastical Society survived until a few years ago, when all the interests were bought by the heirs of the Rev. Cyrus Yale. The records are in Memorial Hall, Hartford. The church was organized about 1735. Mrs. Beadle, daughter of Rev. Cyrus Yale, may have some of his records.

² Some records are lost. The older records of births, marriages, and deaths in Memorial Hall are:—admissions, dismissions, and covenanters, 1740-1794; admissions, 1802-1853; baptisms, 1739-1853; deaths, 1787-1854; dismissions, 1802-1806; marriages, 1802-1806; members, 1795.

New Haven.**BAPTIST.**

Immanuel Baptist Church.

Organized 1845.

Church or Society records, 1894-1906.

Record of marriages.

First German Baptist Church.

Organized April 10, 1857.

Church or Society records, 1857-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Olivet Baptist Church.

Organized November 24, 1894.

Church or Society records, 1894-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Howard Avenue Baptist Church.

Organized June 12, 1891; incorporated December 2, 1892.

Church books and papers since a Mission, March 6, 1887.

Records of deaths.

CONGREGATIONAL.

United Church and United Society.¹

Church organized May 7, 1742, as the White Haven Church.
The original Society was organized in 1749 and incorporated in 1759.

Church records, 1742-1906.

Society records, 1749-1906.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.

- ¹ The Union was formed in November, 1796, by the Church of Christ in White Haven Society, organized 1742, and the church in Fair Haven Society, organized 1771.

Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church.

Organized 1820.

Original church records, 1873-1906; records based on original records, 1820-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Fair Haven.¹

Organized June 24, 1830.

Church and Society records, 1830-1905.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

- ¹ Fair Haven became a part of New Haven about 1890. The name of the church was changed in 1890 from Fair Haven Congregational Church to Grand Avenue Congregational.

Chapel Street Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized 1838.

Church or Society records, 1838-1906.

Record of marriages and deaths.

Davenport Church Corporation.

Organized April 22, 1862.

Church or Society records, 1862-1906.

Record of deaths in church record.

Howard Avenue Congregational Church.

Organized 1865 as the Ecclesiastical Society of the West Congregational Church of New Haven (now extinct.)

Church and Society records, dates not given.

Record of marriages and deaths of members.

Dwight Place Congregational Church and Society.

Organized 1838 as Park Street Church and Park Street Ecclesiastical Society. Reorganized as Dwight Place Church, 1872.

Church and Society records, 1838-1906.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Mission Church.

Organized July 4, 1852.

Church or Society records, 1852-1906.

Record of marriages.

Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1882.

Church or Society records, 1882-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized October 14, 1886, as East Side M. E. Church.

Church or Society records, 1886-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Summerfield Methodist Episcopal Church.

Church or Society records not reported.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Organized 1820.

Church or Society records for past few years only.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First Presbyterian Church of New Haven.
Organized November 22, 1885.
Church or Society records, 1885-1906.
Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Paul's Parish.
Church or Society records, 1830-1869; 1879-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
St. James' Parish.
Organized January 13, 1835.
Church or Society records, 1835-1906.
Records of baptisms, marriages, and burials except for first three years.
St. Thomas' Parish.
Organized February 24, 1848.
Parish records, 1848-1906.
Record of baptisms, marriages, and burials.
St. John's Episcopal Parish.
Organized as a mission in 1852; as a parish in 1857.
Church or Parish records, 1852-1906.
Record of births, marriages, and deaths.
All Saints Chapel.
Organized 1885.
Parish register, 1885-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths in register.
St. Andrew's Chapel.
Started as Sunday School in 1890. Regular service since 1900.
No formal organization.
Records of baptisms, marriages, confirmations, and burials.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.
Organized December, 1848.
Church or Parish records, 1866-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
The Sacred Heart Church Corporation.
Organized November 12, 1875.
Church or Parish records, 1876-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
St. Joseph's Church.
Organized May 1, 1900.
Church or Parish records, 1900-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
St. Peter's Church.
Organized January 13, 1902.
Church or Parish records, 1902-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1902-1906.

UNIVERSALIST.

The First Universalist Society of New Haven.
Organized May 27, 1836.
Church or Parish records, 1836-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Newington.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Newington Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized 1713 as West Society of Wethersfield.

Society records, 1716-1906.

E. Stanley Wells has records relating to Society or Parish.¹

¹ Early Annals of Newington, comprising the first records of the Newington Ecclesiastical Society and of the Congregational Church connected with it, with documents and papers relating to the early history of the parish, published by Roger Welles, 1874.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Grace Church Parish.

Organized 1872.

Church or Parish records, 1872-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

New London.

BAPTIST.

The First Baptist Church of New London.

Organized 1804.

Church records, 1804-1906.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Church of Christ.

Organized in Gloucester, Mass., 1642.

Society records, 1670-1906.

Second Congregational Church and Society.

Organized April, 1835.

Society records, dates not given.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Federal Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized October 11, 1793.

Records of meetings of trustees, 1854-1906.

Records of church membership, 1818-1906; record of marriages for more than fifty years.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. James' Parish.

Organized 1725.

Church or Parish records, 1846-1906.

Records of births and marriages, more or less complete, 1792-1906.

"Annals of St. James' Parish," by Rev. R. A. Hallam, 1873.

UNITARIAN.

First Unitarian Society of New London.

Organized 1897.

No records.

New Milford.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN.

Second Advent Christian Church of New Milford.

Organized February 20, 1900.

Church or Society records, none.

One death.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Church and First Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized 1716.

Society records from very nearly the beginning.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in later history of church.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Gaylordsville Methodist Episcopal Church.
No records.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

All Saints Memorial Church.
Organized 1884.
Church or Society records, dates not given.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Newtown.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society of Newtown.
Organized 1715.
Society Records, 1742-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Newtown Methodist Episcopal Church.
Organized 1805.
Church or Society records, 1805-1901.
Records of births and marriages, 1863-1904.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Trinity Parish.
Organized 1732.
Parish records, 1764-1906.
Church records, 1818-1906.
Records of baptisms, marriages, burials, etc., in church records.
In Parish records there is a list of baptisms, 1799-1808.
St. John's Parish.
Organized June 1, 1880.
Church and Parish records, 1880-1906.¹
Records of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials in register.

¹ Some of the records of the church while it was a mission are to be found in the records of Trinity Parish.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Rose's Catholic Church.
Church or Parish records, none.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Norfolk.**ROMAN CATHOLIC.**

Church of Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary.
Organized 1889.
Church or Parish records, 1889-1906.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Prior to 1889 the records were kept at St. Joseph's Church, Winsted.

North Branford.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

North Branford Congregational Church.
Organized October, 1727.
Church records, 1769-1906.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths not complete.

¹ Volume I, consisting of records of Rev. Jonathan Merrick, is lost.

Northford Second Society.
Organized 1750.
Church records, 1750-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Andrew's Church, Northford.

Organized 1764.

Church or Parish records, 1764-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1896-1906.

North Canaan.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Pilgrim Church of North Canaan.

Organized 1887.

Church records, 1887-1906.

Record of marriages.

North Haven.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

North Haven Congregational Church.

Organized 1718.

Church records, records 1760-1820 kept by Dr. Trumbull.

S. B. Thorpe has list of births.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. John's Church.

Parish organized 1759. Society of the Church of England formed in 1722.

Parish register, 1859-1906.

Record of baptisms, 1840-1906; marriages and funerals, 1859-1906.

The Connecticut Historical Society has on deposit the following records:—vestry, 1785-1858; admissions, 1784-1852; baptisms, 1759-1858; communicants, 1851 and 1852, with some removals and deaths; confirmations, 1845-1856; marriages, 1843-1858; burials, 1846-1858; deaths, 1769-1855.

North Stonington.**BAPTIST.**

First North Stonington Baptist Church.

Organized 1741.

Old records not complete.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Third Baptist Church.

Organized 1828.

Church records, 1828-1906.

Records of marriages and deaths.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church of North Stonington.

The North Society in Stonington was incorporated May, 1720.¹

Church organized January 18, 1721.

Society records, 1721-1905.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ The North Society in Stonington was incorporated by an act of the General Assembly, May, 1720, and a committee appointed to run the line of division between the North and South Societies. The line was established in May, 1721. In May, 1724, the General Assembly voted that the Society should "for the future be called by the name of North Stonington." In 1808 it was made a town. The church was incorporated in 1905 and the Society dissolved.

Norwalk.**ADVENT CHRISTIAN.**

Advent Christian Church of East Norwalk.

Organized 1895.

Society records, 1877-1905.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

BAPTIST.

The First Baptist Church of Norwalk.

Organized August 31, 1837.

Church or Society records, 1837-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Rowayton Baptist Church.

Organized February 23, 1891.

Society records, 1858-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.

¹ Rowayton was formerly known as South Five Mile River. In 1872 the name of the post-office was changed to Rowayton. During this period and previous to 1891 the Ecclesiastical Society, organized July 26, 1858, of which Rowayton Baptist Church is the successor, was known as the Baptist Ecclesiastical Society of South Five Mile River.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society.¹

Society organized 1726.

Society records, 1727-1906.

Recent records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Parish and town were identical until the organization of the Society. It was formerly called the Ancient Prime Society.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

First Methodist Episcopal Church of Norwalk.

Organized 1789.

Church or Society records, 1816-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths complete for years covered.

¹ The records are quite complete in the early years after they begin, but they do not begin for about twenty-five years. From about 1816 they are fairly good, having only a few periods unrecorded. The history of the church, which is written in the present records, covers the entire period.

Second Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized June 14, 1858.

Church or Society records, 1858-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

East Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1871.

Church or Society records, 1871-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Paul's Church.

Organized 1735.

Parish records, more or less complete, for about one hundred years.¹

Register of births, marriages, and deaths, more or less complete.

¹ Some of the records are in the personal keeping of the former rector, Rev. C. M. Selleck. The history of the parish has been written by Rev. C. M. Selleck, about 1887.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Mary's Church.

Organized 1848.

Church or Society records incomplete.

Private records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Mamesa Institute.

Organized 1889.

No records.

Norwich.

BAPTIST.

First Baptist Church.

Organized 1800.

Church or Society records, 1800-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church.

Organized 1660.

Church or Society records, 1700-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

- ¹ Some of the records relating to births, marriages and deaths have been copied by George Porter, Norwich, for his own use; and some have been published in Miss Perkins' book, entitled "Old Houses of the Ancient Town of Norwich."

Second Congregational Church.

Chelsea Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized 1755.

Society records, 1755-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in records of church society.

Broadway Congregational Church.

Organized June 1, 1842, as the Fifth Congregational of Norwich.

Society records, 1842-1897.

Church records, 1897-1906.¹

Record of marriages and deaths, 1888-1906.

- ¹ The records since 1897 are those of the incorporated church.

Taftville Congregational Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized June 5, 1867.

Society records, 1867-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Park Congregational Church.

Organized 1873.

Church or Society records, 1874-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church Parish.

Organized January 7, 1746-47.

Parish records to date.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

Trinity Church Parish.

Organized April 10, 1850.

Church or Parish records, 1850-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1850-1906.

Grace Church, Yantic.

Organized about 1850.

Church or Parish records, 1850-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths complete.

- ¹ Many of the early records are found in those of Christ Church, Norwich.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Patrick's Church Corporation.

Church or Parish records, none.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

St. Mary's Church Corporation.

Organized January 17, 1898.

Church or Parish records, 1898-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1898-1906.

- ¹ Records of this parish are found at St. Patrick's Church.

UNIVERSALIST.

First Universalist Society.
 Society organized 1836.
 Church organized 1838.
 Society records, 1836-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Old Lyme.

BAPTIST.

First Baptist Church of Old Lyme.
 Organized 1842.
 No records.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Old Lyme Ecclesiastical Society.¹
 Organized 1693.
 Church or Society records, 1731-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1730-1906.
¹ The original town was Lyme, from which East Lyme was set off, and later the town was divided into Lyme and Old Lyme, Old Lyme being the older portion of the town.

Old Saybrook.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church of Old Saybrook.¹
 Organized 1646.
 Society records, May 22, 1877-1894.²
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths not complete.
¹ Originally known as the town of Saybrook, since set off from Essex as Old Saybrook. The church was incorporated December, 1894.
² Copy of records of admissions, 1736-1781; baptisms, 1741-1782; covenanter, 1736-1780; deaths, 1736-1751; marriages, 1760-1768, are in the Connecticut Historical Society.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Grace Church or Parish.
 Organized about 1830.
 Parish records, from organization.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Orange.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church, West Haven.¹
 Organized 1719. Parish from 1724.
 Church records, 1815-1906.
 Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.
 The Congregational Church.
 The Ecclesiastical Society of North Milford.¹
 Society organized December, 1804; Church organized March 13, 1805.
 Society records, 1804-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ This locality was a part of New Haven until 1822. In 1822 the town of Orange was formed by taking the territory within the lines of the North Milford Ecclesiastical Society, and annexing thereto a portion of New Haven.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

First Methodist Episcopal Church of West Haven.
 Organized 1868.
 Church or Society records, 1868-1906.
 Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths in church records.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church, West Haven.

Organized 1723.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1851-1906.¹

Also a copy of register and baptisms, marriages, and burials in the Parish, 1723-1801, taken from the Parish records of Christ Church, Stratford, Conn.

¹ Mrs. Henry Thompson, Elm Street, West Haven, has in her possession many valuable papers, including some which refer to this parish.

Oxford.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Society of Oxford.¹

Organized June 30, 1741, as the Ecclesiastical Society of Oxford.

Society records, 1818-1906.²

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Oxford was set off from Derby.

² The older records are kept by Mrs. S. P. Sanford of Oxford, address, Seymour, Conn., R. F. D. No. 1.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Peter's Church.

Organized 1766.

Church or Parish records, 1769-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in Parish register.

¹ The Connecticut Historical Society has vestry records, 1769-1899, deposited. The ancient records are lodged with Registrar of Diocese of Connecticut.

Christ Church, Quaker Farms.

Organized 1824.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in Parish register.

Plainfield.

BAPTIST.

Union Baptist Church.

Organized October 16, 1792.

Church or Society records, 1792-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Packerville Baptist Church.

Organized October 7, 1828.

Ecclesiastical Society of the Packerville Baptist Church.

Organized February 12, 1831.

Church records, 1828-1906.

Society records, 1831-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The First Ecclesiastical Society in Plainfield.

Organized 1784.

Society records, 1799-1906.¹

¹ Rev. Henry T. Arnold has copied from the records of the First Church the list of marriages from 1748 to December 11, 1800, and had it printed in Early Connecticut Marriages, New Haven, 1896. Before that time the town records from 1705 included the church records.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Moosup Methodist Episcopal Church.

Brief church or Society records from 1825; fuller records from more recent date.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

All Hallows' Church.

Organized 1859.

Records of baptisms and marriages, 1859-1906.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Wauregan.¹

Organized May 12, 1889.

Church or Parish records, 1889-1906.²

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1889-1906.

¹ The church property is in Brooklyn, but parishioners are in Brooklyn and Plainfield.

² Prior to 1889 this parish was a mission of Moosup and the records are kept there.

Plainville.

BAPTIST.

Baptist Church of Plainville.¹

Organized 1854.

Church or Society records, 1871-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ Plainville was formerly in town of Farmington.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church in Plainville.

Organized 1840.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

The Church of Our Lady of Mercy.

Organized February 15, 1885.

Records of baptisms and marriages.

Plymouth.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Terryville Congregational Church.

Organized 1838.

Society records, 1838-1896.¹

Church records, 1838-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ Date of incorporation of church.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Peter's Parish.¹

Organized 1739.

Records from 1818; since 1837 they are pretty complete.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1837-1906.

¹ The parish was organized in the Society of Northbury in the town of Waterbury. In 1795 Northbury was set off from Waterbury as the town of Plymouth.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

The Immaculate Conception of Terryville.

Organized as a parish, April 29, 1900; as a mission, May, 1881.

Church or Parish records, 1900-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1900-1906.

¹ Records of births, marriages, and deaths previous to 1900 are in possession of St. Thomas' Church, Thomaston.

Pomfret.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Pomfret Congregational Church and Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized October 25, 1715.

Society records, 1715-1906.¹

¹ There are records more or less perfectly kept of the church, also records kept by the clerk of the Ecclesiastical Society, from the organization of each.

The Ecclesiastical Society of Abington.

Organized 1749.

Church organized 1753.

Society records, 1749-1906.

Church records, 1753-1906.

Records of marriages and deaths until recent years, but with many omissions after 1826.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church Parish.

Organized May 1, 1827.

Church or Parish records, 1827-1906.¹

Record of baptisms, marriages, and burials kept by pastors.

¹ The original records from 1827 to January 1, 1867, are in the archives of the Diocese of Connecticut. The pastor has a copy of these and original records from 1867 to date.

Portland.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church.¹

Organized 1721.

Church or Society records, 1721-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Portland was formerly part of Chatham.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Mary's Parish.

Organized August 15, 1872.

Church or Parish records, 1872-1906.

Records of births and marriages.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church.

Organized 1874.

Church or Society records, 1874-1906.

Complete record of births, marriages, and deaths.

Preston.

BAPTIST.

Preston Baptist Church.

Church records, dates not given.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church of Preston.¹

Organized November 16, 1698.

Church or Society records, 1698-1798; 1813-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.²

¹ In 1716 the town was divided into North and South Society, and North Society became at length a part of what is now Griswold.

² These records (seventy pages) have been published in church history, "The Bi-Centennial Celebration."

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. James' Parish, Poquetanuck.¹

Organized 1734; incorporated 1784.

Church or Parish records, 1784-1906, with some intervals.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ First organized in North Groton (now Ledyard), removed to Poquetanuck in 1783.

Prospect.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Prospect Congregational Church and Ecclesiastical Society.¹
Organized 1798.

Society records, 1798-1906, but not very complete.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ Prospect was incorporated as a town in 1827. The territory occupied by the church at its organization was called Columbia, and was a part of Cheshire, Waterbury, and Naugatuck.

Putnam.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Congregational Church Society of Putnam.

Organized October 15, 1715, in Killingly.¹

Society records, 1753-1906.

Church records, 1715-1741; 1753-1906, with some omissions about the time of the Revolution, but from 1784 complete.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths, but no deaths are recorded from 1715 to 1741.²

¹ This was the first church in Killingly, which included the present town of Killingly, nearly all of Putnam, and all of Thompson. Putnam was incorporated in 1855 from parts of Thompson, Pomfret, and Killingly.

² These records have probably been lost from the book, as the leaves have been loosened and misplaced.

Mrs. Ellen D. Larned copied a portion of the records and had them published in the local paper and in some genealogical magazine.

Second Congregational Church.

Organized July 19, 1848.

Society records, 1848-1906.

Church records, 1882-1906. Earlier records were burned.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Mary's Catholic Association.

Church or Parish records, 1866-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1866-1906.

¹ There are other records in Pascoag, R. I., before this parish was organized, from 1850 to 1866.

Redding.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Congregational Church of Redding.

Society records, June 5, 1729-1906.

Church records, March 21, 1733-1906.

Complete records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church of Redding.

Organized June 24, 1789.

Church or Society records, 1852-1906. Old records lost.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Charles Burr Todd, Bethel, R. F. D., may have records relating to parish.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church.

Organized 1734.

Records, 1833-1906. Earlier records destroyed by fire.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Ridgefield.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Congregational Church of Ridgefield.

Organized 1712.

Society records, 1765-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records, 1820-1906.

Congregational Ecclesiastical Society of Ridgebury.

Date of organization unknown. Minutes extend back to 1761.

Society or church records, November 17, 1761-1906, but not complete.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1761-1906.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Stephen's Church.

Organized as a parish, 1739.

Register from 1835; incomplete for first few years.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Mary's Church.

Organized May 12, 1882.

Church or Parish records for ten or twelve years.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Roxbury.**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.**

Christ Church.¹

Organized 1740.

Church or Parish records, 1852-1906, but imperfect.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

In the "Archdeaconry Record," Vol. III, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, for December, 1887, June, September, and March, 1888, there is a short history by the late Rev. William C. Cooley, former rector, based on records then extant, but which have since been lost.

¹ Roxbury, at the time of the organization of the parish, was a part of Woodbury.

Salem.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Salem Congregational Church.¹

Organized 1728.

Church or Society records, 1723-1906.

Partial record of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ The town was set off from Colchester, Lyme, and Montville.

Salisbury.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

The Church of Christ in Salisbury.

The Congregational Society.

Church organized November 24, 1744; Society organized November 12, 1804.

Church records, November 24, 1744-1906.

Society records, 1804-1906.

Incomplete records of births, marriages, and deaths.¹

¹ This list has been compiled by Mr. M. D. Rudd, Lakeville.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Rehoboth Methodist Episcopal Society, Lakeville.
Organized 1789.
Partial church or Society records, 1838-1906.
Record of births, marriages, and deaths not complete.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.
Organized 1792.
Parish records, 1830-1906.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths kept by pastors.

¹ For the past thirty years or more the first volume has been unaccounted for.

Trinity Church, Lime Rock.
Organized 1873.
Church and Parish records, 1873-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1873-1906.

Saybrook.**BAPTIST.**

Deep River Baptist Church.
Organized April 22, 1830, as Third Baptist Church in Saybrook.
Church records, 1830-1906.
Records of marriages and deaths, 1904-1906.
Record of funerals, 1847-1859, and of marriages, 1847-1859, are deposited with the Connecticut Historical Society.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church, Deep River.¹
Church organized April 13, 1834.
Society organized December 12, 1833.
Society records, 1833-1903.²
Record of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ Portions of the town of Saybrook have been set off to form other towns.

² Date of incorporation of church.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Swedish Mission Church of Deep River and Chester.
Organized February 5, 1890.
Church or Society records, 1890-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Scotland.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Congregational Church.
Organized October 22, 1735.¹
Church record commencing July 4, 1858, and part of an older record that escaped from a fire.
Many deaths recorded in this church record book.

¹ Scotland was part of the town of Windham at the time of the organization of the church, and became a town in 1856.

Seymour.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Seymour Congregational Church and Ecclesiastical Society.¹
Organized 1789.
Society records, dates not given.²
Records of births and deaths scattered through church records.

¹ In 1639 this section was a part of Milford; in 1676, a part of Derby. It was known as Chusetown previous to 1804; after 1804, as Humphreysville. In 1850 it was named Seymour.

² W. C. Sharpe, clerk of church, may have private records relating to Society.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Seymour Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1791.

Church or Society records, 1859-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Great Hill Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized prior to 1850.

Church or Society records, 1876-1906.

Records of deaths scattered through church records.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Trinity Church.

Organized 1797.

Church or Parish records, 1851-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1851-1906.

¹ There are some clerk's records, deeds, and records of consecration of the church of an earlier date, but they are in a chaotic condition.

Sharon.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Congregational Society of Sharon.

Organized 1739. Church organized 1740.

Church records, 1755-1906. Records for first fifteen years are lost.

Records of marriages and deaths, kept by pastor, 1895-1906.¹

¹ "A record of Births, Marriages, and Deaths in the Town of Sharon, Conn.," from 1721 to 1897, was published by Lawrence VanAlstyne in 1897.

Ellsworth Congregational Society.

Organized 1800.

Church and Society records, dates not given.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church.

Organized 1754.

Church or Parish records, 1764-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Records are fragmentary from 1764, but from 1858 they are fairly, if not altogether, complete.

There are some records relating to this parish in Kent and New Milford.

Sherman**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Congregational Church.¹

Organized March 28, 1744.

Church and society records, dates not given.

Record of births, marriages, and deaths, by Rev. Maltby Gelston, 1797-1856.

¹ Sherman and New Fairfield were originally one town, called North and South New Fairfield. When it was divided in 1802 North New Fairfield took the name of Sherman.

Simsbury.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society of Simsbury.

Organized 1737. Church organized November 10, 1697.

Society records, 1832-1906.

Some records of deaths of members.

Admissions, 1697-1706; baptisms, 1697-1710, "Rev. Dudley Woodbridge, his Church Record," in the Connecticut Historical Society; also copies of later fragmentary data.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church of Simsbury.
Organized about 1800.
Church or Society records, 1840-1906.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Early records are confused and scanty.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Trinity Church, Tariffville.¹
Church or Parish records, 1848-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Name of church was changed to St. Andrew's on account of consolidation with St. Andrew's, North Bloomfield, about 1860-61, but resumed its former name in 1863.

Somers.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Congregational Church.
Church records, 1727-1746; 1769-1906.
Society records, dates not given.
Church records of births, marriages, and deaths.¹

¹ These records have been copied and indexed in the town records.

Somersville Congregational Society.
Organized January 4, 1871.
Church or Society records, 1871-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Southbury.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Congregational Church in Southbury.¹
Originally organized as the Second Ecclesiastical Society in Woodbury in 1731. Incorporated by General Assembly.
Church and Society records from earliest days.

¹ Southbury was set off from Woodbury in 1787. This church has in a measure discontinued its functions for the past ten years, but a strong effort is being made looking to the renewal of services in the church.

South Britain Congregational Church.
Organized 1769. Incorporated 1891.
Some church or Society records from organization.
No official records of births, marriages, and deaths.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church of South Britain.
Church or Society records, 1830-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
Methodist Episcopal Church of Southbury.
Church or Society records, 1847-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Southington.**BAPTIST.**

First Baptist Church.
Organized 1738.
Church or Society records, 1738-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Baptist Society of Plantsville.¹

Organized April 24, 1872.

Society records, 1872-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

- ¹ The Society transferred all the property in its possession to the Plantsville Baptist Church Society, the new corporate body to be called The Plantsville Baptist Ecclesiastical Society.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church.

Organized, 1728.

Church or Society records, intermittent since 1721.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Plantsville Congregational Church.

Organized December, 1865.

Church or Society records, 1865-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Society organized 1858.

Society records, 1858-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1858-1906.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Paul's Mission.

Church has existed, but not continuously, since 1785.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and burials, 1876-1906.

There is a brief history of Parish from 1875 in the Parish Register.

South Windsor.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The First Congregational Church of South Windsor, formerly the First Ecclesiastical Society of East Windsor.¹

Society organized May, 1696.

Society records, 1695-1898.²

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records from 1786.

Copy of baptisms, 1761-1845, in Connecticut Historical Society.

- ¹ East Windsor was incorporated in 1768 from Windsor. South Windsor was incorporated in 1845 from East Windsor.

- ² Date of incorporation of church.

The Second Congregational Church.

Church organized February 2, 1830.¹

Society organized 1833.

Society records, 1833-1906.

Records of deaths of members.

- ¹ Wapping was made a half society in 1761, but there was no church organization until 1830.

Sprague.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Hanover Ecclesiastical Society.

Society organized in 1761; Church organized in 1766.¹

Church and Society records from organization to date.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in Church records.

- ¹ The Society transferred its property to the church, under the corporate name of Hanover Congregational Church, in March, 1906. The larger part of the Society was formerly in the town of Lisbon.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Baltic Methodist Episcopal Church.

Society organized 1878.

Records of baptisms, marriages, burials, etc.

Stafford.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

West Stafford Congregational Church.

Organized October, 1764.

Second Ecclesiastical Society.

Church or Society records, 1781-1847; 1864-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Congregational Church of Stafford Springs.¹

Organized 1850.

Church or Society records, 1850-1906.

¹ This church and the West Stafford Church are the successors of the original Congregational Church on Stafford Street, organized about 1723. The records of this old church are in the hands of the Town Clerk, M. B. Fisk.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Edward's Catholic Society.

Organized May 16, 1869.

Parish records, 1864-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1864-1906.

¹ Records of parish before organization are in Rockville and Willimantic records.

Stamford.**BAPTIST.**

First Baptist Church of Stamford.

Organized 1773.

Church or Society records, 1805-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none

Union Baptist.

Organized December 6, 1893.

Church or Society records, 1895-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

First Italian Baptist Church.

Organized 1902.

No records.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First Presbyterian Society.

Organized February 14, 1853.

Church or Society records, 1853-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, incomplete.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Parish of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Organized 1742.

Church or Society records, 1747-1808; 1840-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1740-1906.

St. Andrew's Parish.

Organized June 12, 1865.

Church and Parish records, 1865-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1865-1906.¹

¹ The Town Clerk has copied records of births, marriages, and deaths in Parish Register.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Swedish Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Church.

Organized 1891.

Church records, 1891-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1891-1906.

Sterling.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society of Voluntown and Sterling.¹

Organized October 23, 1723.

Society records, 1723-1760; 1780-1906.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Sterling, formerly a part of Voluntown, was set off in 1795.

Stonington.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

The First Ecclesiastical Congregational Society.

Organized 1674.

Society records, June 3, 1674-1906.

Records of marriages and deaths, except marriages since 1893.¹

¹ Rev. J. O. Barrows has records of births, marriages, and deaths of parish.

Second Congregational Church.

Organized November 14, 1833.

Church records, 1838-1906.

Some records of deaths.

Mystic Congregational Church.

Organized January 20, 1852.

Church or Society records, 1852-1906.

Some records of deaths.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Old Mystic Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1826.

Church records, 1876-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.

¹ There is a book of records in charge of William M. White, recording steward, and three books of old records in possession of Francis M. Manning, Mystic, Conn.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church.

Organized May 5, 1847.

Parish records, 1847-1906.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and burials, 1847-1906.

Stratford.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society.

Organized 1639.

Ancient records are in care of Town Clerk; recent records in care of clerk of church.

Partial records of marriages, baptisms, and burials.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Stratford Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1789.

Church or Society records, 1789-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ The old records are kept in the vault at the court house by the Town Clerk.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church.

Organized 1707.

Church or Society records, 1722-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1722-1906.

Suffield.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society.

Church or Society records, 1851-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ Date of organization unknown, as the early records have been lost.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1832.

Church or Society records, 1833-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Thomaston.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Congregational Church of Thomaston.¹

Organized December 7, 1837.

Church records and Society records, 1837-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths for last eight years.

¹ The name has been changed from Plymouth Hollow to Thomaston.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Trinity Parish.

Organized January 2, 1869.

Church or Parish records, complete.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Thompson.**BAPTIST.**

Central Baptist Church of Thompson.

Organized from First Baptist Church, 1841.

Church records of Central Baptist, 1841-1906; records of the First

Church since May, 1814.

Records of deaths.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Thompson Congregational Church, formerly Killingly Second.

Organized 1730.

Church and Society records from organization to date.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

North Grosvenor Dale Methodist Episcopal Church.¹

Organized 1841.

Church or Society records, 1841-1906.

Records of marriages and deaths of members.

¹ Formerly known as Fisherville M. E. Church.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Joseph's Catholic Society, Grosvenor Dale.

Organized January 27, 1873.

Church or Society records, 1873-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.¹

¹ Records of births, marriages, and deaths of parish in Worcester, Mass., Pascoag, R. I., and Norwich, Danielson, Moosup, and Putnam.

Tolland.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Congregational Ecclesiastical Society of Tolland.

Organized 1723.

Records go back to 1723 and cover several years from that date.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

Torrington.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church.

Organized 1741.

Society records, 1826-1894.

Church records, 1741-1906.

Torrington Congregational Church.¹

Organized 1759.

Society organized 1762.

Fugitive records, 1760-1906. Most of the records in custody of

W. C. Durand and E. G. Davis, Church and Society clerks.

The most important records were burned in Father Mills' house.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ No change has taken place in the name of the town, but Wolcottville took the town name about twenty years ago. Burrville has since been named, and another portion of the parish, called Greenwoods, has lost its name. The parish was formed from parts of the towns of New Hartford and Torrington.

Center Congregational Society.¹

Organized December 3, 1829.

Church and Society records, dates not given.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

¹ The Society was organized in 1829 as the Wolcottville Village Society; name changed to Third Congregational Society of Torrington, April 23, 1883, and to the Center Congregational Society, February 23, 1900.

Fourth Congregational French Evangelical Church.

Organized 1897.

Church or Society records, 1897-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Trinity Church.

Organized February 21, 1843.

Church or Society records, 1843-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Francis of Assisi Church Corporation.

Church or Parish records, none.

Records of births and marriages since organization.

Trumbull.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Trumbull Congregational Church.¹

Organized November 18, 1730.

Church records, dates not given.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

There is a copy commencing 1805 in possession of Fairfield County Historical Society.¹

¹ Originally known as The Church of Unity, a village in the district of Stratford, later changed to Trumbull.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church, Tashua.¹

Organized 1760.

Parish register, containing records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1829-1906.

There is a history of Christ Church, Tashua, in "Sketches of Church Life in Colonial Connecticut."

¹ Trumbull was set off from Stratford and organized as a town in 1797.

Union.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

The Congregational Ecclesiastical Society.
 Organized 1738.
 Church and Society records from early days.
 Earliest Society records in the custody of the Town Clerk.

Vernon.**BAPTIST.**

Rockville Baptist Church.
 Organized 1887.
 Church records, dates not given.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Vernon Ecclesiastical Society.
 Organized in 1760.
 Society records, dates not given.
 Church records running back to 1760.
 Union Congregational Church of Christ of Rockville.
 Organized June 15, 1888.
 Church or Society records.¹
 Records of deaths and marriages, 1888-1906.

¹ The records of the First and Second Congregational Churches, dating respectively from 1837 and 1849, to 1888, when the union was formed, are deposited at the office of the Springville mill, Rockville, in custody of William Maxwell.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church of Rockville.
 Organized 1834.
 Most of the records have been lost, but some records of church membership and official business still remain.
 Records of infant baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. John's Parish.
 Parish records, 1855-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths in Parish register.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Bernard's Society, Rockville.
 Organized March, 1854.
 Records of births, marriages, and some deaths, 1854-1906.¹
¹ Records of baptisms and marriages at Hartford and Windsor Locks, 1848-1854.

Voluntown.**BAPTIST.**

Voluntown Baptist Church.
 Organized 1832.
 Church records, 1832-1906.
 Records of marriages and funerals attended by present pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL.

See Sterling.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Voluntown Methodist Episcopal Church.
 Church records, 1878-1906.
 Records of marriages and deaths of members.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Thomas' Corporation of Voluntown.
Organized November 16, 1881.
Church or Parish records, 1892-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1892-1906.¹

¹ Previous to 1892 this parish and that of St. Anne's Catholic Church Corporation, a mission at Glasgo, organized 1891, were attended from Jewett City, and the records will be found in St. Mary's Church, Jewett City.

Wallingford.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN.

The Advent Christian Church.
Organized October 10, 1881.
Church records, dates not given.
Records of marriages and deaths, 1890-1906.

BAPTIST.

First Baptist Church.
Organized November 8, 1790.
Church or Society records, 1790-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.
First Baptist Church of Yalesville.
Organized August 26, 1876.
Church or Society records, 1876-1885; 1902-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church.
Organized 1675.
Church or Society records, 1765-1906.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Prior to 1765 the records pertain to the town.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.
Organized March 29, 1895.
Church or Society records, 1895-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Paul's Church.
Organized about 1750.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.¹

¹ A sermon prepared by Rev. J. E. Wildman and preached at the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary contains records from 1735 to 1902.

Warren.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church.
Organized September 22, 1756.
Society formed 1750.¹
Society records, 1750-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ This Society was the Society of East Greenwich in Kent, and in 1786 was incorporated as the town of Warren.

Washington.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Congregational Church of Washington and Society.¹

Organized 1742.

Church records and Society records, 1742-1906.²

Records of births, marriages, and deaths not complete for all years, but from 1742 to 1800 quite complete.

¹ The town was first known as Judea. The name was changed about 1776 to Washington, and the Society name followed the name of the town.

² The church records have been copied. Some of the original records are still legible. The records of births, marriages, and deaths have been copied, and the church has also the originals, which are getting very obscure. The Society records are practically complete.

First Congregational Church of New Preston.

Organized in 1857.

New Preston Hill Ecclesiastical Society organized in 1757.

Church and Society records, October, 1753-1906.

Records of marriages, 1770-1835; deaths, 1808-1906.

No deaths previous to that date.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. John's Parish.

Church or Parish records, 1794-1856; 1856-1906.¹

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.²

¹ Missing book supposed to have been burned.

² Some of the earliest records are in Woodbury and Litchfield.

St. Andrew's Parish, Marbledale.

Organized 1784 as New Preston Episcopal Society.

Clerk's records, 1784-1906, complete.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1839-1906.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Swedish Evangelical Congregational Church, Washington Depot.

Church or Society records, none.

Waterbury.**BAPTIST.**

Swedish Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Organized January 21, 1906.

No records.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Church of Waterbury. (Incorporated as First Congregational Church of Waterbury.)

First Congregational Ecclesiastical Society.

Church records from beginning.¹

Society records, dates not given.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ Dr. Joseph Anderson of Woodmont, Conn., has many private records pertaining to the church. A History of Waterbury has been compiled by him.

Second Congregational Church.

Organized 1852.

Church records, 1852-1906.

Private records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Grace Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1875.

Church or Society records, 1882-1906.

Record of baptisms and marriages, and deaths of members.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. John's Parish. First called St. James.
Organized as a mission of the S. P. G. in 1737.
Church or Parish records, 1737-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths complete from organization.

St. Paul's Parish, Waterville.
Organized 1853.
Parish records kept in books of St. John's Parish, Waterbury.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Joseph's Parish.
Organized 1884.

Church of the Sacred Heart.
Organized February, 1885.
Records of births and marriages, 1885-1906.¹

¹ There are records relating to Society or Parish in the archives of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford, Conn.

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.
Organized September 7, 1899.
Church or Parish records, 1899-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

St. Michael's Church of Waterville.
Organized July 16, 1902.
Church or Parish records for about nine years.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths cover about eight years.

¹ Records relating to Society or Parish may be found at Church of the Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick's Church, Waterbury.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church.
Organized 1891.
Church or Society records, 1890-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Waterford.

BAPTIST.

First Baptist Church.¹
Organized 1710.
Church or Society records, 1786-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ At the time of its organization, Waterford was a part of New London. Services were held here as early as 1674.

Watertown.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Watertown.¹
Organized 1739.
Society records, December 2, 1799-June 3, 1864; January 17, 1899-1906. (Intervening records probably mislaid.)
Church records, March 18, 1835-1906.
Records of baptisms, February 15, 1835-May, 1884; January 1, 1887-1906; marriages, March 25, 1835-January 1, 1875; deaths of members, February 16, 1835-November, 1866; December, 1872-November, 1874; January 1, 1887-1906.

¹ Name of town was changed from Westbury to Watertown in 1780.

"Historical Sketch of Watertown, from its original settlement; with the Record of its Mortality, from March, 1741, to January, 1845, and to May, 1858, being One Hundred and Seventeen Years," by N. S. Richardson, M.A., rector of Christ Church, Watertown. Revised and enlarged by Frederick Dayton, Watertown, and brought down to 1871 by W. Grace Dayton. Printed by E. B. Cooke & Co., 1858.

The Records of Mortality taken from the above are brought down to 1889, and the whole compiled in one pamphlet by C. S. Abbott, printed by Perlee W. Abbott.

Union Congregational Church.

Organized 1902.

Society records and Constitution. Society existed for some years before the present church organization, and while church was a mission.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized 1853.

Church or Society records, 1853-1906.

Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1853-1906.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ Church Parish.

Organized 1784.

Church or Parish records, 1784-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

Westbrook.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The First Ecclesiastical Society of Westbrook.¹

Organized May 28, 1724.

Church records, 1725-1906, with few breaks.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths kept in early records.

Church clerk ceased to record them when Town Clerk was obliged to keep them.

¹ Westbrook was made a town in 1840. Previous to then it was called West Saybrook, and was originally known as Pochaug.

West Hartford.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Church of Christ.¹

First Ecclesiastical Society.

Church organized February 24, 1713. Society organized 1711.

Society records, 1711-1906.

Church records, 1729-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1720-1906.

There is a copy of the records in the West Hartford Library, commencing 1713.

¹ West Hartford was set off from Hartford in 1854.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. James' Parish.

Organized 1852.

Church or Parish records not reported.

Records of marriages, 1875-1906; baptisms, deaths, and burials, 1876-1906.

Weston.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Norfield Congregational Church Society.

Organized August, 1757.

Society records, 1757-1906.¹

Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Norfield Parish records were copied by the late Henry Mills, Fairfield.

Westport.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Congregational Church.¹

Organized October 26, 1715.

Consociated Presbyterian Society in Green's Farms.

Organized June 12, 1711.

Society records, complete, 1711-1906.

Church records, 1715-1906.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.

¹ This parish was formerly known as the West Parish of Fairfield, and was part of the town of Fairfield until the formation of the town of Westport about seventy years ago.

Wethersfield.**BAPTIST.**

Baptist Church of Wethersfield.

Organized 1782.

Church or Society records complete from 1816.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Wethersfield.¹

Governed by town votes, 1647-1734; First Society, 1734-1816.

First called Ecclesiastical Society in 1809.

Records, 1647-1734, with Town Clerk; Society records, 1734-1906, with clerk of Society.

Record of baptisms, 1697-1735; 1739-1770; 1774-1906; marriages, 1740-1770; 1774-1858; deaths of members, 1774-1906.

¹ The towns of Rocky Hill and Newington were included while they were in the town of Wethersfield.

Willington.**BAPTIST.**

Willington Baptist Church.¹

Organized December, 1828.

Record of members, etc., 1828-1844. Other records in hands of clerks; some have been destroyed by fire.

Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ There was an unassociate Baptist Church in north part of town fifty years before.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church of Willington.

Organized in 1727 as First Church of Christ.

Church records, 1769-

Society records, dates not given.

Some records of births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

Marriages not recorded later than 1858.

¹ On the fly leaf of the old record book it says that "Otis Woodward, great grandson of Rev. Daniel Fuller, has probably early records of the church of Willington written by the Rev. Dan. Fuller." Mr. Fuller was the first pastor, 1728-1758.

Wilton.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Wilton Congregational Church and Society.
 Wilton Parish incorporated May 12, 1726.
 Church organized June 22, 1726.
 Parish and Society records, 1726-1906.
 Church records, 1733-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths until 1802, with clerk of church.
 Society or Parish, 1726-1802; town of Wilton since 1802.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Zion Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, now Cannon charge.
 Church records, dates not given.¹
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths in church records.
¹ There is a record of South Wilton Church which runs back to 1838.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Matthew's Parish.
 Organized 1802.
 Parish records, 1849-1906.¹
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
¹ Very few records prior to 1849.

Winchester.**BAPTIST.**

The First Baptist Church, Winsted.
 Organized 1890.
 Records not reported.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The First Ecclesiastical Society in Winchester Center.
 Organized January 29, 1768.
 Church organized October 30, 1771.
 Society records, 1768-1906.
 Church records, 1771-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths.¹

¹ B. W. Pettibone, Winchester, has collected data of many kinds connected with local history and genealogical facts.

First Ecclesiastical Society of Winsted.
 Incorporated February, 1778.
 Society records, 1811-1906.
 Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.
 Boyd's Annals of Winchester, by John Boyd, 1873, contains history of Parish.

Second Congregational.
 Organized January, 1854.
 Church or Society records, 1854-1906.
 Records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths in church records.¹

¹ Church clerk has records of marriages solemnized by Rev. Frederick Marsh of the First Church in Winchester, from 1800 to about 1860, also all deaths in that parish in that time; and certain family records of persons of New Hartford origin.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. James' Parish, Winsted.
 Organized 1848.
 Church or Society records, dates not given.
 Records of baptisms, with date of births.

Windham.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

First Ecclesiastical Society.
Organized 1700.
Society records, 1700-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Paul's Church.
Organized 1832.
Records complete to 1851; also from 1862 to 1875, and from 1884 to date; those from 1851 to 1861 are missing, having been cut from the book; between 1875 and 1884 there are only occasional entries.¹
Register apparently complete except from 1851 to 1861, but not in good order; contains some baptisms and burials by the rectors in neighboring towns.

¹ Records of St. Paul's Mission, Willimantic, from date of organization, 1869, to date are in possession of rector.

Windsor.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

The First Church of Christ in Windsor, and Society.¹
Organized March 20, 1630, in Plymouth, England.
Church and Society records.²
Partial records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ The town was called Dorchester when first settled.

² The records of the parish are meagre and of little worth as history. From 1768 there are occasional records of matters worth knowing, but generally they are unsatisfactory. The records of the Society are in the hands of the treasurer.

Poquonock Congregational Society.¹
Organized March 28, 1853.
Society records, 1853-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths, none.

¹ The original church organized in Poquonock in 1720 became extinct by loss of members.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Grace Church.
Organized December 14, 1842, as Saint Gabriel's Church.
Church and Parish records, 1842-1906.
Records of baptisms, marriages, and burials in Parish register.

Wolcott.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

Wolcott Congregational Church and Society.¹
Society organized November 13, 1770; church organized November 18, 1773; incorporated June, 1906.
Parish records, November 18, 1773-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
"History of Wolcott" was written in 1874, by Rev. Samuel Orcutt.

¹ The Society was organized as the Parish of Farmingbury, taken from the towns of Farmington and Waterbury. Wolcott was made a town in 1796.

Woodbury.**CONGREGATIONAL.**

The First Congregational Church in Woodbury.
Organized as Second of Stratford in 1670. In 1672 or 1673 a large portion of members removed and settled the town of Woodbury. Church and Parish records complete to date.

Strict Congregational Society.
Organized December 15, 1816.
Society records, 1816-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths during present pastorate.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Methodist Episcopal Church of Woodbury.
Organized 1812.
Church or Society records, 1790-1906.
Records of marriages and deaths.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Paul's Parish.
Society organized 1740.
Church and Parish records, 1779-1906.
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.
"Ancient Woodbury," by Cothren, contains records from the register of this Parish.

Woodstock.**ADVENT CHRISTIAN.**

Second Advent Christian Church.
No records.

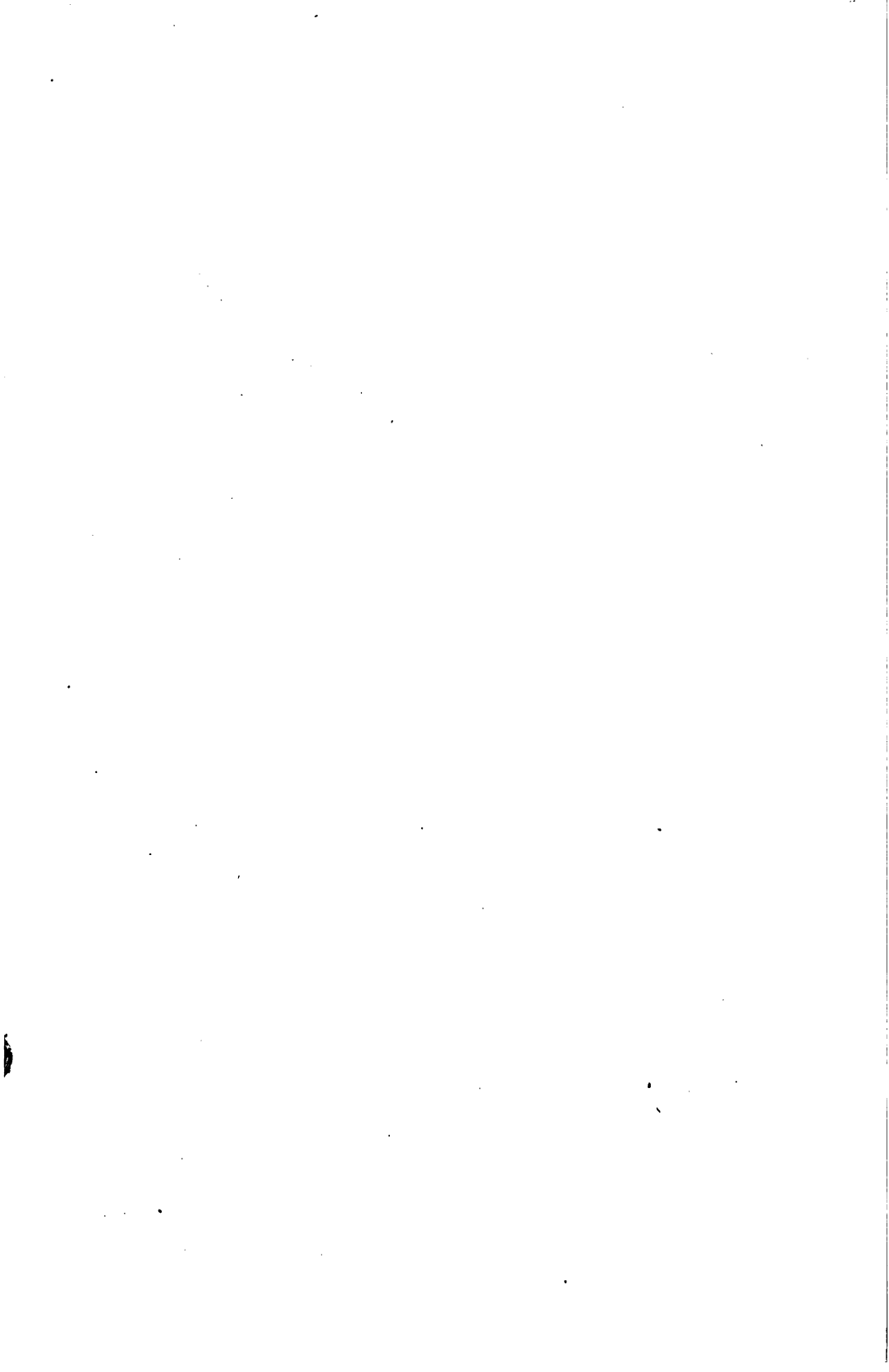
CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church in Woodstock.
Organized August 26, 1686.
Church records, 1726-1906.¹
Records of births, marriages, and deaths.

¹ Records prior to 1726 were taken away by the first pastor. The Congregational Church of North Woodstock has the original records during the earlier years, this church having a copy.

Third Ecclesiastical Society of Woodstock, also known as Society of North Woodstock.
Organized October 30, 1760.
Society and church records from organization.

East Society of North Woodstock.
Organized by secession from Third Ecclesiastical Society, 1831.
Since 1875 have been under same ministry as parent Society.
Church and Society records from 1831.



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REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

ISRAEL PUTNAM MEMORIAL CAMP GROUND

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

MARCH 1, 1907,

FOR THE

TWO YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1906.

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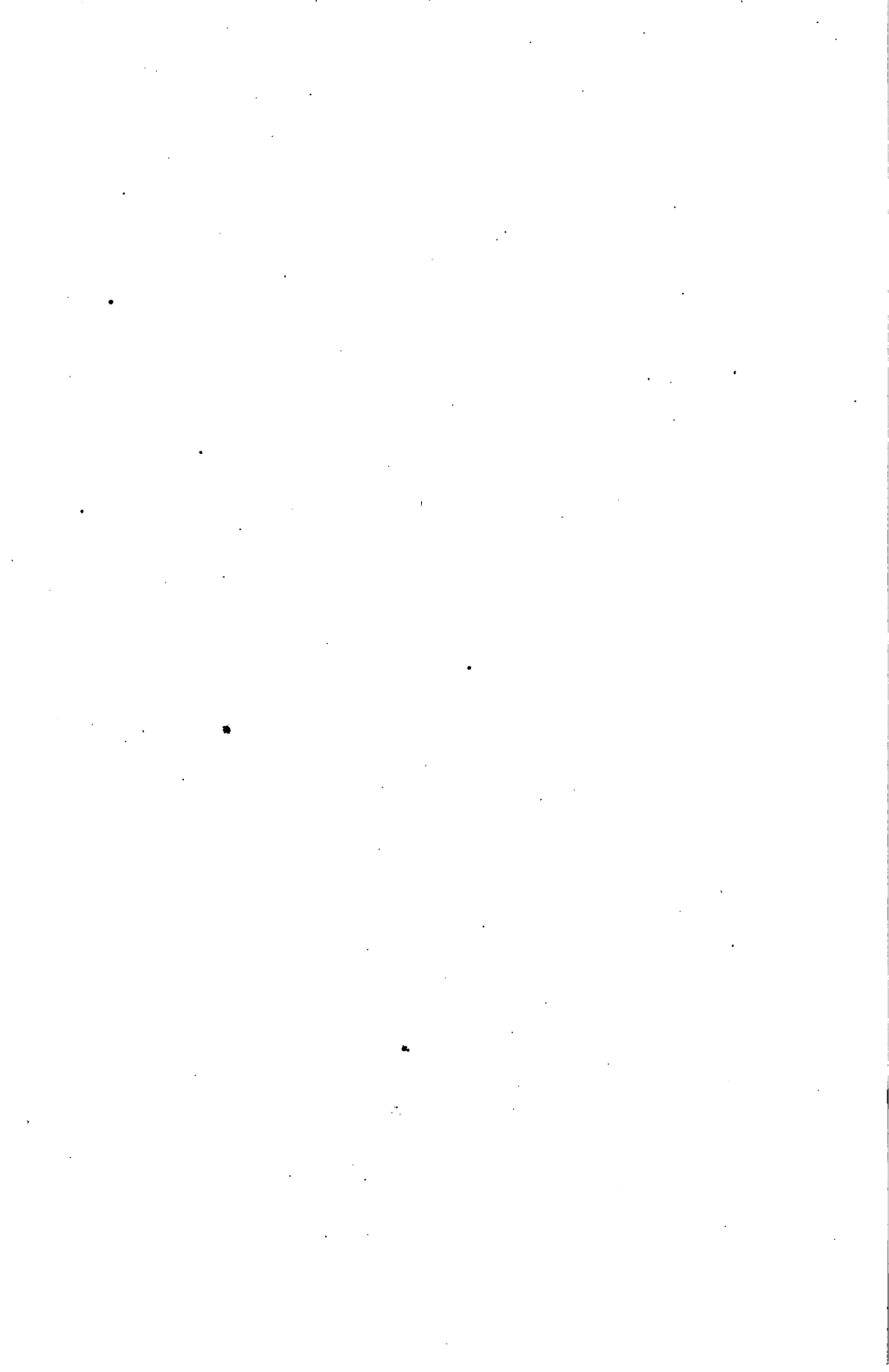
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REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
ISRAEL PUTNAM MEMORIAL CAMP GROUND,
TO HIS EXCELLENCY ROLLIN C. WOODRUFF,
GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT.

The Commission has to report that but little improvement work has been done on the Camp Ground during the last two years. The cost of the care and maintenance of the grounds is about \$1,500.00 per year. The traveling and other expenses of the Commission, about \$150.00 per year, leaving from the appropriation of \$3,500.00 for two years, only \$100 00 per year for emergency, extraordinary repairs or improvements. It is only through fortunate circumstances and by the thorough repairs of previous years, that the Commission have been enabled to do anything that might be called improvements.

The Act of 1897, which created the present Commission, includes a clause that said the appropriation each two years for the maintenance and improvement of the Camp, should not exceed \$5,000.00, yet none of the Legislatures following have seen fit to make it that amount. The Legislature of 1899 and 1901 made the appropriation \$4,450.00. The 1903 Legisla-

ture, \$4,000.00, and the 1905 Legislature, \$3,500.00. The amount of \$5,000.00 for the two years, as made possible by the act, is needed to carry on the work which the Commission is called upon to do. A poorly cared for ground is no credit to the State, or to the Commission having it in charge, and that which will give the State greatest honor, and from which it will receive the greatest benefit for money expended, is to put the grounds in good order and maintain them so. Do not suppose that the Commission means by good order, a highly kept park area, but only that the woods should be kept free of rubbish; the trees pruned; the roads free from weeds and in shape; the paths clean and usable, and the buildings and structures in repair, so that they do not deteriorate. The grounds around the old firebanks neat, as a suitable setting for their historic values. The grounds around the pavilions, the grove and other sections used by the many visitors to receive daily cleaning during the summer and fall. These are the items which this Commission includes in the term "good order," and this same orderly care should be extended over all that part of the grounds that have historic value. Not more than half of it is now so kept, and we should be remiss in our duty if we did not call attention to this fact, and request that the sum appropriated be at least \$4,000.00, or what would be better, the \$5,000.00 provided for in the Act creating this Commission.

Three things have been accomplished in addition to the maintenance and care of the grounds during the last two years :

First : A room was partitioned off and finished in sheathing under the roof of the pavilion, primarily for the use of the Commission, and the storage of maps, plans, books and other matters of like nature relating to the Camp and owned by the State. Heretofore there has been no place on the grounds

where such things could be preserved, and much in value for the development and history of the park has been lost. Also the Commissioners have had no place in which to hold their meetings on the grounds, the only shelter being a pavilion open on four sides, and as unsuitable as the room is for the Commission, yet it gives shelter, a place of meeting, and a spot where papers, etc., can be kept, although the building is a wooden one and without fire protection.

Second: An additional section of Brewster's Grove has been drained and graded. This is the spot most used for gathering of people. The grove is now about two-thirds done.

Third: On the grounds is Phillip's Cave, the entrance to which is by an opening through the rocks about twenty feet from the ground below and more than that distance from the top of the cliff. To reach this opening when the grounds were first laid out, wooden steps and an inclined board walk were constructed from below, which required annual repairs and last year required rebuilding. This was done by stone steps, iron pipe guard rails and a gravel path, connecting with the path system both below and above the cave.

For the past two Legislatures this Commission has advised the purchase of the grounds owned by the "Old Put Club" which adjoins the Camp and are a part of the historical grounds. They believe this should be done partly because of its scenic and historic value and partly because the only dwelling house near enough to the grounds for the keeper to live in was located there, and in which he has lived for many years. Both Legislatures rejected this request, and within the last few months the "Old Put Club" grounds have been sold to be used as a summer place for New York parties at a price \$1,500 more than it was offered to the State. This means that there is now no house for the keeper in the immediate neighborhood, and unless one is built upon the grounds, that the camp will

be left alone outside of working hours, unless a watchman is employed nights.

This Commission advises and urges with all the influence it has that provisions be made for a house for the keeper by this present Legislature. They consider it necessary for the preservation of the Camp, and an economical measure for the State.

JOHN H. JENNINGS, *President.*

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

TO JOHN H. JENNINGS, *President.*

Dear Sir:—I herewith submit my report as Chairman of the Executive Committee from October 1, 1904, to September 30, 1906.

SPECIAL WORK DONE.

1. A room was made for the use of the Commission at the north end of the Pavilion. Cost \$175.00.
2. A large stone chimney was built at the end of the Pavilion for the Commissioner's room. Cost \$92.00.
3. The ditch at the back of the picnic ground was tiled and filled. Cost \$170.
4. The wooden walk at the cave was removed, and a stone walk and steps made. A large share of this work was done by the keeper and his helper. Iron railing and extra help cost \$45.00.

EXPENDITURES.

FROM OCTOBER 1ST, 1904, TO SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1906.

MAINTENANCE,

Salary of Keeper, 24 months at \$60.00,	\$1,440.00	
Amount paid for labor and team work,	1,999.87	
Painting of buildings and structures, .	20.00	
Repairs " " .	30.00	
Tools and Supplies, ...	205.70	
Rebuilding walk at Phillips Cave, .	45.00	
		\$2,840.57

IMPROVEMENTS.

Draining and grading in Brewster Grove, ...	170.00	
Building room in Pavilion, . . .	175.00	
Building Chimney, ...	92.00	
Furniture for room in Pavilion, . .	83.25	
		520.25

Total expenditure by Executive Committee, \$3,360.82

WILLIAM H. HILL,

Chairman of Executive Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1905.

 RECEIPTS.

1904.

Nov. 8,	Comptroller's Order for October Account,	\$212.55
Dec. 12,	" " " November "	174.45

1905.

Jan. 14,	" " " December "	78.36
Feb. 16,	" " " January "	99.70
March 8,	" " " February "	76.97
April 13,	" " " March "	63.65
May 8,	" " " April "	167.35
June 10,	" " " May "	211.85
June 30,	" " " June "	111.76
July 3,	" " " June "	195.25
Aug. 19,	" " " July "	99.75
Sept. 12,	" " " August "	143.70
Oct. 18,	" " " September "	380.30

 \$2,015.64

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RECEIPTS.

1905.

Nov. 10,	Comptroller's Order for October Account,	\$176.50
Dec. 7,	" " " November "	150.75

1906.

Jan. 9,	" " " December "	77.00
Feb. 8,	" " " January "	82.00
March 8,	" " " February "	87.30
April 9,	" " " March "	138.37
April 12,	Water Rent from Old Putnam Club,	2.00
May 9,	Comptroller's Order for April Account,	301.01
June 9,	" " " May "	136.95
July 14,	" " " June "	142.20
Aug. 8,	" " " July "	115.75
Sept. 8,	" " " August "	97.25
Oct. 10,	" " " September "	244.50

 \$1,751.58

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Keeper's Salary, including use of Horse, ...	\$727.75
Grading, Team Work and extra labor, ...	634.00
Commissioner's Expenses, ...	196.16
Rent of House for keeper, ...	150.00
Supplies, ...	98.89
Tile for ditch, ...	88.80
Insurance, ...	30.00
Carpenter Work, ...	29.09
Printing, ...	22.35
Flag, ...	15.00
Painting, ...	12.00
Notary Public, ...	6.00
Plants, ...	4.00
Drawing Lease, ...	1.60

\$1,938.34

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1906.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Keeper's Salary, ...	\$720.00
Grading, extra labor, etc., ...	465.87
Making Room in Pavilion, ...	175.00
Rent of House for Keeper, ...	120.00
Furnishing Room in Pavilion.	83.25
Supplies, ...	106.81
Insurance, ...	30.00
Commissioner's Expenses, ...	29.75
Painting, ...	8.00
Telephone, ...	7.70
Plants, ...	3.20
Printing, ...	2.00

\$1,751.58

THOMAS A. EVANS,

Treasurer.

